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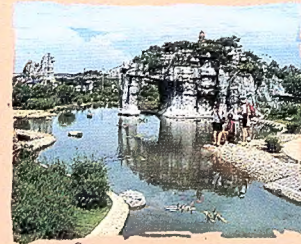
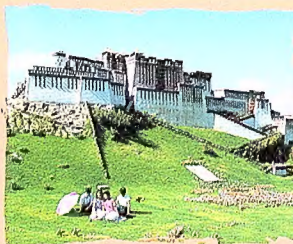
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IN A HOLIDAY MOOD?...

This month's issue is for the holidaymaker looking for total relaxation . . . where the trepidations and worries of the modern world can be pushed aside for a few days and one can revel in self-indulgence. Within these pages we feature China's 12 appointed national tourist and holiday resorts offering everything from the golden sun-drenched beaches of Jinshi and Yintan, to resorts offering golfing, fishing and watersports, to wood cabins set beside tranquil lakes such as Taihu and Nanhu, through to scenic mountain resorts in the Wuyi Mountains. Of course, you cannot go anywhere in China without tripping over cultural relics and these resorts have their fair share too, such as St. Mary's Catholic Church in Shanghai's Sheshan and the Mazu (Goddess of the Sea) Temple on Meizhou Island in Fujian. Spanning almost as many provinces, the hardest thing you have to do is decide which one to visit.

If more rugged holidays are your style, join our reporter on his four day winter trip to Kanas Lake in Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region. Travelling on horse-drawn sleighs he recounts his adventure to the frozen realms of Kanas Lake, with ice so thick that it is even accessible to 10-ton trucks! Hidden under a blanket of snow at this time of year the area is almost devoid of livestock and inhabitants. Moving southeast to Henan Province we join the celebrations of the Ancestral Grandfather's Temple Fair held in honour of Fu Xi, an ancient ancestor said to be the forefather of the Chinese civilization. Streams of colourful pennants and paper-pasted offerings make their way to Tongtian (Heaven Uniting) Temple to be burnt as sacrificial offerings, the whole ceremony culminating in a huge fair where clay figurines and toys are the most popular purchases.

Lastly, we ask the question "How well do you know Victoria Peak?" As Hong Kong residents it is a place we proudly show-off to all our visitors but you might be surprised to learn a thing or two as we guide you over the five routes combing the Peak. Happy touring....



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Pleasure Seeking in Holiday Resorts

Featured here are details of the 12 holiday resorts officially designated by China as being retreats for the weary individual. We provide invaluable information for those wanting to recharge their batteries. Ranging from Liaoning in the north to Hainan Province in the south there is everything from exciting watersports, to lazy beaches and forest cabins set amidst tranquil surroundings.



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The Largest Temple Fair in China – Ancestral Grandfather's Temple Fair

Held in honour of Fu Xi, the great forefather of the Chinese civilization, this temple fair initiated in Huaiyang, Henan is the largest of its kind in China. After the worshipping, a plethora of imaginative, colourful paper-pasted models are burnt as sacrificial offerings and the lion and dragon dances begin as well as an exorcist dance, called the Basket Dance enthusiastically performed by women aged between 70 and 80 years old! Women hoping to be mothers in the coming year also get an opportunity to rub the Baby Hole!

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A Winter Trip to Kanas Lake

Join our group of trekkers on their journey to the frozen Kanas Lake in Habahe County, Xinjiang. Dressed like an expedition team venturing to the North Pole they experience the novelty of traveling by horse-drawn sleighs through deserted, frozen pastures, their mission simply to see Kanas Lake in the last of its four seasons.



Front Cover: Winter pasture in the Kanas Lake area, Xinjiang (by Sun Jiabin)

Combing The Peak with Five Routes

See the world's most spectacular skyline through new eyes as we scour Hong Kong's famous Victoria Peak. We bring you five routes up and down this well-known peak, pointing out some interesting landmarks along the way.



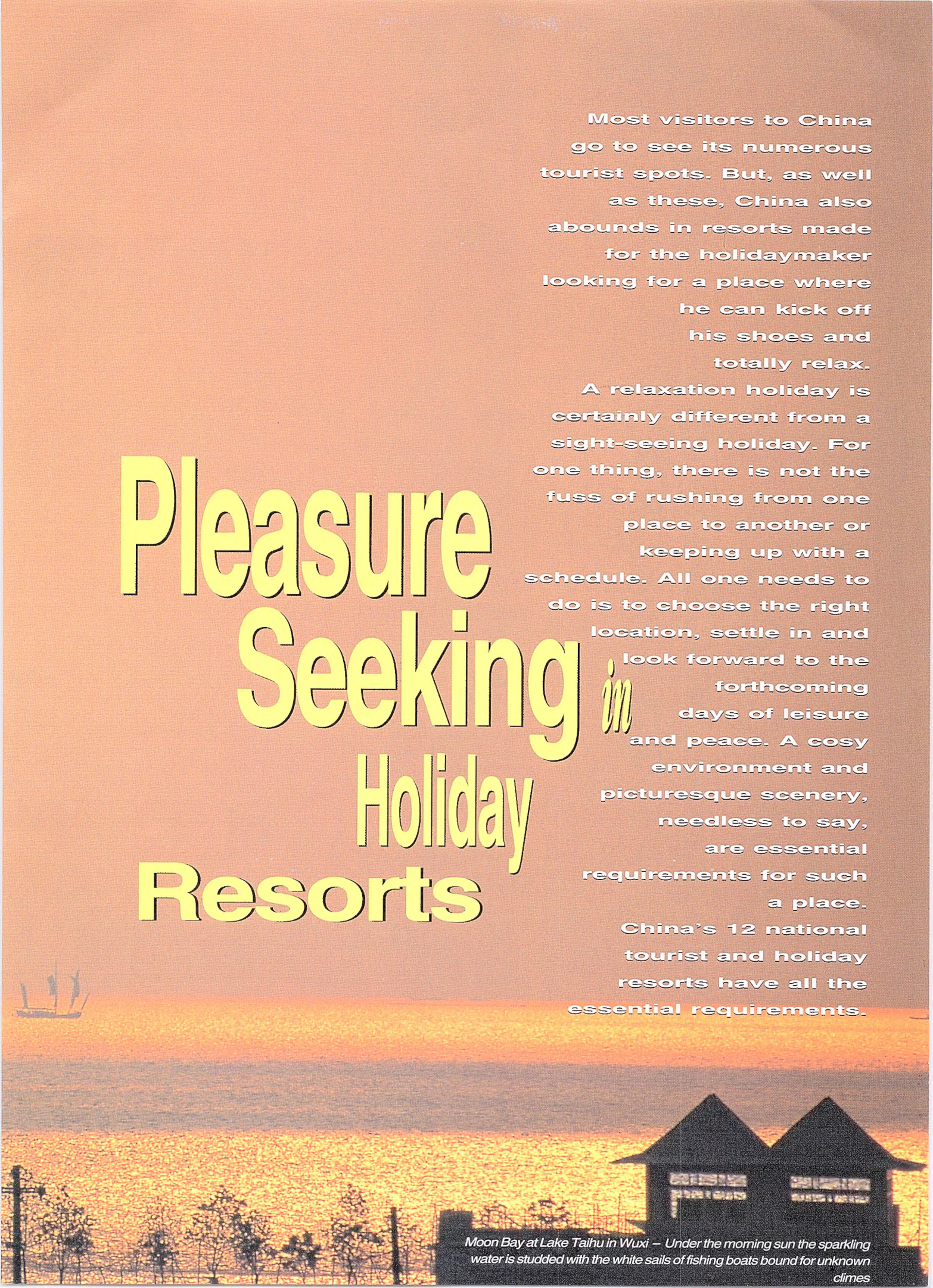


Pleasure Seeking *in* Holiday Resorts

Most visitors to China go to see its numerous tourist spots. But, as well as these, China also abounds in resorts made for the holidaymaker looking for a place where he can kick off his shoes and totally relax.

A relaxation holiday is certainly different from a sight-seeing holiday. For one thing, there is not the fuss of rushing from one place to another or keeping up with a schedule. All one needs to do is to choose the right location, settle in and look forward to the forthcoming days of leisure and peace. A cosy environment and picturesque scenery, needless to say, are essential requirements for such a place.

China's 12 national tourist and holiday resorts have all the essential requirements.



Moon Bay at Lake Taihu in Wuxi – Under the morning sun the sparkling water is studded with the white sails of fishing boats bound for unknown climes

12 Holidaymakers' Retreats



從最北的大連金石灘，到最南的三亞亞龍灣，十二個度假區或者以海灘引人，
或者以湖水、河水以至山色取勝；北方有北方的粗獷，

南方有南方的秀氣，
處處散發出不一般的
消閒度假氣息。

CHARMING LANDSCAPE: A MOST RELAXING EXPERIENCE

Landscape has long become part of the tourist's vocabulary. How can a leisure-seeking holidaymaker neglect the important consideration of the scenery of the place he has chosen? To leave behind a boisterous city life and get lost in the embrace of beautiful mountains and rivers is a desire shared by many a city dweller anxious to relax and snuggle into the calm and serenity of nature.

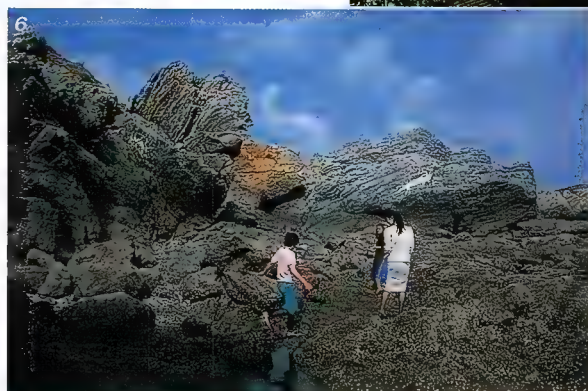
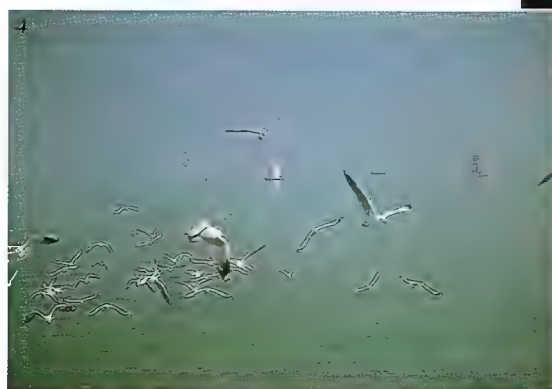
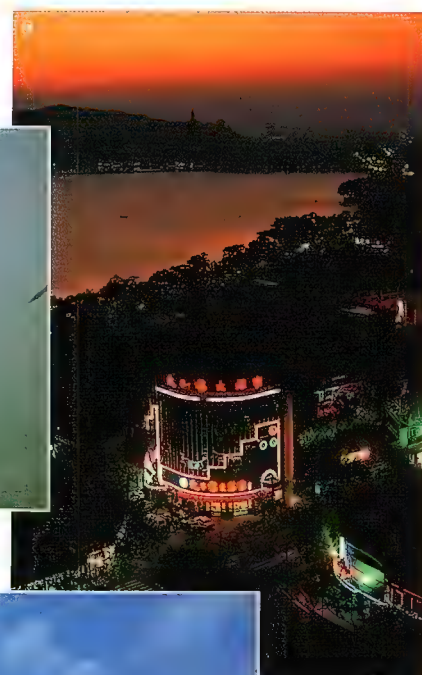
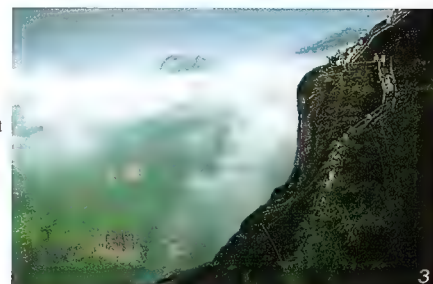
Blue waters, be it a sparkling lake, meandering river or whispering sea, have an uplifting and relaxing effect on the holidaymaker. This is why China's 12 national holiday resorts are situated alongside water. The Jinshi (Golden Rock) Beach of Dalian in Liaoning, Shilaoren (Old Stone Man) Beach of Qingdao in Shandong, Yintan (Silver Beach) of Beihai in Guangxi, Yalong Bay of Sanya in Hainan and Meizhou Island in Fujian are known for their seashores; and most of the other summer resorts are lacustrine, such as Lake Taihu of Wuxi and Suzhou in Jiangsu, Dianchi Lake of Kunming in Yunnan and Nanhu Lake of Guangzhou in Guangdong and

the Wuyi Mountains in Fujian are well known for their zigzagging brooks and gurgling springs. The only exception is the land-locked Sheshan Resort, famous for its heavily wooded mountains.

Relaxation is all that counts. Once setting foot in a summer resort the picturesque surroundings engulf one and the sounds of nature created by the wind, the humming of insects, the lapping of water, etc. dispel any trace of city life.

Jinshi Beach is the most northern of the 12 holiday resorts, with Yalong Beach the most southern. Both are beach resorts, but each with its own appeal. At Jinshi Beach the temperature averages 24°C in August but the annual temperature ranges between 8-10°C. By contrast, in Sanya, which is situated on the tropical island of Hainan, the annual temperature stands as high as 25.5°C; the beach is crowded with swimmers even in late autumn.

Nature has endowed a particular favour upon the Yalong Beach by turning it into a year-long swimmers' paradise. At Yintan Beach near the sub-tropical city of Beihai, the summer is long and winter very warm, but despite its tropical scenery, it cannot be counted on as a perennial sunbathing area.

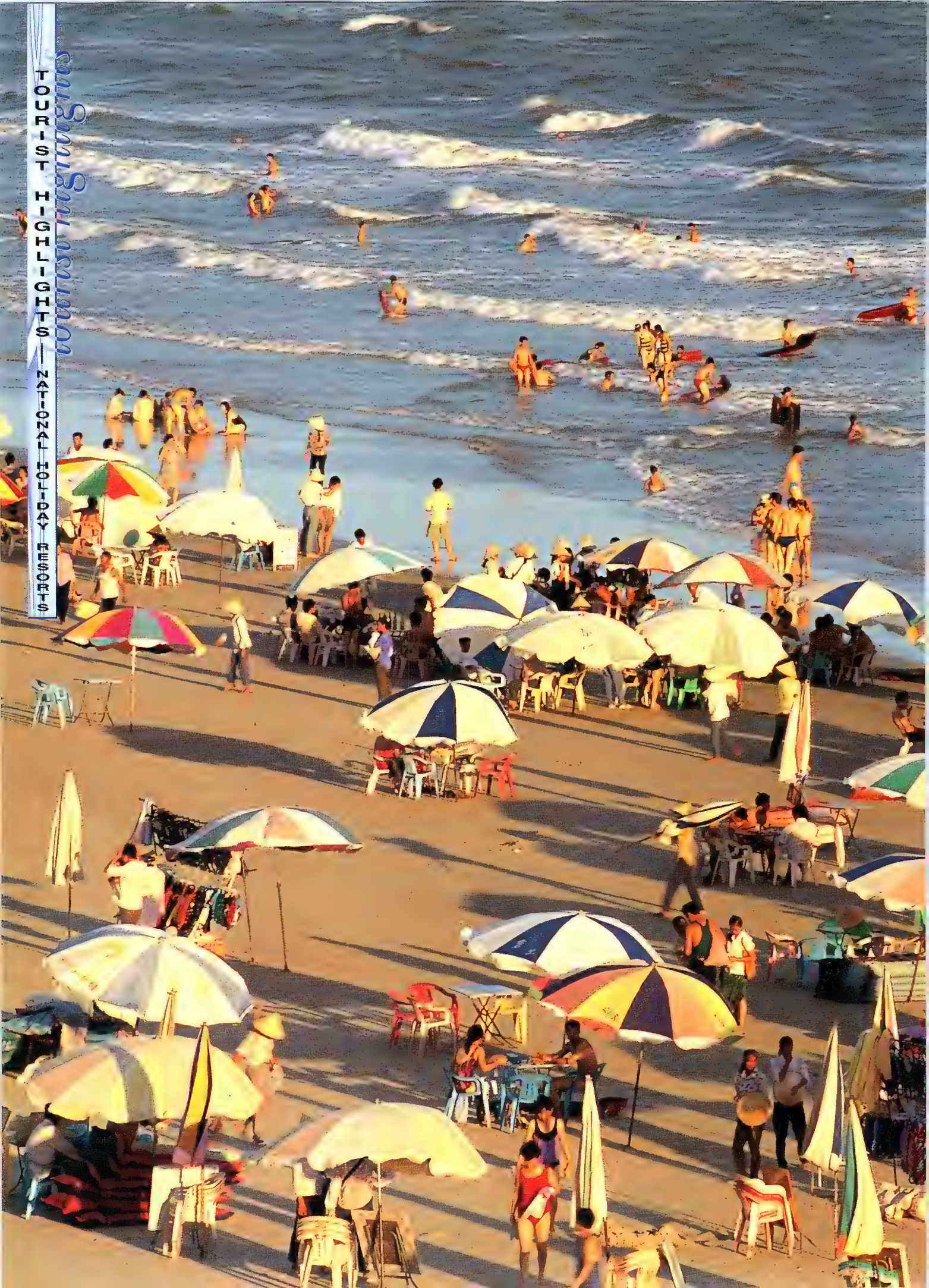


GOLDEN ROCK BEACH: SHOWCASE OF NATURE'S MAGICAL POWERS

For beach-lovers, soaking up the sun with a gentle sea breeze, or simply throwing oneself into the embrace of the surging waves, is certainly a major aspect of holidaymaking. But remember, the charming seascape can never be neglected.

Jinshi Beach is perhaps a typical seaside resort, for it has all the necessary elements: the hydrosphere, a crescent-shaped beach, hidden shoals and reefs, and mountains in the background. The force of nature has chiselled the protruding rocks at the eastern end of the beach into a hundred and one exotic shapes. Divided into four parts and aptly named Rose Garden, Dragon's Palace, Garden of Southern Grace, and Beach of the Sea-Tortoise, this forest of rocks is known as the "Garden of Magic Wrought Sculptures". The "sculptures" include well-preserved sedimentary rocks and structures and biological fossils in wildlife images, which combine to form a silent, solidified "zoo". Among them is a colossal boulder of colourful hues, protruding from the sea in the shape of a giant turtle shell; it is of value to both geologists and artists.

1. Sunning the fishing nets on the beach of Meizhou Island (by Chan Yat Nin)
2. Fish ponds on the shores of Lake Taihu in Suzhou (by Chan Yat Nin)
3. A bird's-eye view of Jiuqu Stream from atop Tianyou Peak of the Wuyi Mountains (by Chan Yat Nin)
4. Seagulls over Dianchi Lake in Kunming (by Xu Jinyan)
5. A night scene at West Lake in Hangzhou (by Xie Guanghui)
6. The Golden Stone Beach at Dalian is known for its museum of sculptures chiselled by the magical force of nature (by Chan Yat Nin).



In summer colourful parasols litter the long Yintan Beach. The laughter of holidaymakers chasing the waves echoes in the Beihai Sky (by Xie Guanghui)



Sun, Sand and Sea

Three Major Elements for Tourism

作為旅遊的三大要素陽光、

沙灘與海水，不可缺少。

青島的「石老人」

以傳奇取勝，而北海的

銀灘和福建的湄洲島則是

游海玩灘的好地方。



OLD STONE MAN: INCARNATION OF A FISHERMAN

Along the 12.5-kilometre-long coastline the 100-metre-wide beach can be found to the west of Old Stone Man. Tourist attractions are often steeped in fable. Old Stone Man of Qingdao is no exception, and this fact certainly adds to the joy of holidaymaking here.

Legend has it that there once lived an old fisherman and his beautiful daughter in a thatched cottage by the sea in Qingdao. The two shared their Spartan life together. One day, however, the girl was spotted by the youngest son of the Dragon King, and her beauty stirred up a malicious desire in him to possess her. After a series of plots and manoeuvres, he eventually abducted her to the Dragon Palace under the sea. The old fisherman was stricken by sorrow when he returned home from a fishing trip one day to find his beloved girl missing. Every day, come rain or shine, he stood in the shallow sea and called out her



1. Curiously shaped rocks are scattered along Golden Stone Beach (by Chan Yat Nin).

2. Enjoying the sandy beach, sea and sunlight at Yintan Beach, Beihai (by Xie Guanghui)

3. Japanese holidaymaker angling by the shore of Yalong Bay, Sanya (by Wang Miao)

4. A great variety of recreational water activities at Yintan Beach (by Xie Guanghui)

name repeatedly. Eventually he was turned into a pillar of stone — the old stone man we see today.

YINTAN: BEST BEACH IN CHINA

Yintan Beach in Beihai is yet another landmark on China's coastline. It extends for more than 20 kilometres and occupies an area of several dozen square kilometres. The widest section of the beach extends into the sea for as far as seven kilometres, which provides an ideal venue for the construction of the world's largest beach sports and recreational complex. A flat beach, fine sands, clean water and freedom from shark attacks are five salient features of Yintan Beach. Apart from surfing and night swimming, the beach is ideal for camel riding, motor racing, volleyball, football and golf. Holidaymakers can also go boating, water-skiing and cruising. Opinions may differ as to whether or not this is the best beach in China, but with all the amenities avail-

able, Yintan is definitely a first-rate summer resort.

Clean water and fine sand can also be found on the Meizhou Island in the Meizhou Bay of Fujian Province. Its 14-kilometre-long beach is a paradise for swimmers and lovers of water sports such as seaside motor racing, volleyball, football, sunbathing and kite flying. The lagoon is wide enough for motorboating, cruising, surfboarding, yachting and diving. In beach-side forests holidaymakers may have picnics, go horseback riding, shooting or have bonfire parties.



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不知人間何世。

Relaxed and Carefree

AWAY FROM THE MUNDANE WORLD: FOREST CABINS BY LAKE TAIHU

Mention the city of Wuxi and Lake Taihu immediately leaps to mind. The sun was setting as we arrived, hovering precariously over the edge of the water. We had hardly finished admiring the charm of the scene when the sun, looking as crimson as a maiden's face, disappeared in the twinkling of an eye. The Mashan District is some distance away from the city proper, and the area's Moon Bay is definitely a snug retreat for the holidaymaker. When night falls, all is quiet around the cluster of wood cabins sequestered in the luxuriant tree groves; the silence broken ever so gently by the rustle of the wind, an overwhelming feeling of rural repose lulls the holidaymaker unwittingly to sleep.

The wood cabins are two-storey affairs, with bedrooms on the second floor, and the parlour, kitchen and bathroom on the ground. Insulated from the hectic din of traffic and city life, the tranquillity of the surroundings makes it an excellent retreat for those longing to get lost in nature.



While on the mighty Lake Taihu anglers, having just consigned bait to the water, huddle up to wait patiently for the rod to bend — the trepidations and worries of the mundane world are pushed to the remotest corners of their minds. Beyond, the sails of fishing skiffs diminish as they head off for some distant clime.

SUZHOU BRIDGE OVER LAKE TAIHU: THE LONGEST OF ITS KIND

It is generally assumed that Lake Taihu, with its 72 mountains and 48 islands, belongs to Wuxi City. In reality two-thirds of it belong to Suzhou City, Wuxian County.

Recently, a 4,308-metre bridge was built over the lake to link the various islands; it is the longest bridge ever built over an inland lake in China.

This long bridge has provided easy access to the host of scenic spots on the lake, including ruins of the Paleolithic Age on Sanshan Island, the drilling ground of master strategist Sun Wu and the Linwu Ancient Cave situated 1.5 metres below the lake's surface on Xishan Island. The so-called Bridge Island Scenic Area is composed of Xishan Island, the bridge itself and the Taihu Mingzhu Amusement Park.

A golden dragon, believed to be a talisman used by the emperor to secure his rule, was unearthed from inside the Linwu Cave. A replica is now hanging from a chasm in the ceiling to remind the visitor of the cave's good old days. It is believed that the artifacts already dug from the cave are only the tip of an iceberg with more astounding archaeological discoveries yet to be made.

NANHU LAKE A TINY JASPER, DIANCHI LAKE AS VAST AS AN OCEAN

Baiyun Mountain is to the metropolis of Guangzhou what the lungs are to the human body. It provides the bustling city with badly needed fresh air. What is more, nature has also endowed the city with the 0.9-square-kilometre Nanhu Lake, situated at the foot of the mountain. Skirted on all sides by mountains, the lake is hidden below a foliage of



green trees and graced with a riot of blossoming flowers. This beautiful holiday retreat operates a gym staffed by martial art and *qigong* masters. Unrivalled in its classic sanctity, coupled with its natural, meandering ridges and rivers, the Nanhu Lake has earned its nickname: Jasper Imbedded in a Wonderland.

The Dianchi Lake has the gracefulness of Lake Taihu and the vastness of an ocean. The Daguan (Grand View) Tower, close by its shore, offers a panoramic view of the sparkling lake and the shimmering Western Hills in the background.

For those who love to cruise the lake, the dock at the end of Daguan Road provides a good variety of services. Boating on the lake with its surface wrinkled by the zephyrian breeze proves to be a most relaxing experience. The charm of Kunming, known as the City of Spring, is indeed unparalleled.

1. The body-building centre of Silver Beach at Beihai is always packed to full capacity (by Xie Guanghui).

2. Whiling away time in a hammock set in the coconut groves of Hainan (by Chan Yat Nin)

3. Massage parlour at Silver Beach (by Xie Guanghui)

4. Rich and varied night life of Beihai, Guangxi (by Xie Guanghui)



RECREATIONAL FACILITIES GALORE; GOLF GAINS NEW POPULARITY

A summer retreat cannot do without recreational facilities, and the Folklore Park on the Water in Suzhou has plenty. With the Taihu Mingzhu (Pearl of Taihu Lake) Amusement Park as its centrepiece, the park is equipped with exciting amusements which guarantee to give holidaymakers and their families a great time.

The European Park of Sheshan attracts tourists with European structures and landscape. The towering sculpture of Napoleon makes one feel as if they had set foot on the European soil.

Night life is growing in these retreats. Fashion shows are definitely an eye-opener for those curious about the way the Chinese clothe themselves, to say nothing of the cheering effect of karaoke clubs on the holidaymaker. Massage has

also come into vogue. For tea-lovers wanting a real taste of typical Chinese tea and wanting learn something about the culture behind it, the Wuyi Mountains is

the idea place. The traditional tea-serving ceremony is observed on a regular basis here.

It goes without saying that golf is the newest fad of the day, as almost every holiday resort is running or building a high-grade golf course. Such golf courses are always teeming with avid golfers, looking very smart in their fashionable sports wear.

THE JOYS OF HOLIDAYMAKING: DOING NOTHING AND PHYSICAL RECONDITIONING

In conclusion, idleness is the name of the game called holidaymaking. Removed from the rush of commuting to and from the work place and the stressful pace of city life, once he has settled in a retreat of his choice, he can indulge himself in reading, sunbathing, or simply doing nothing. To him the rawness and fatigue of daily life is now history, at least for the duration of the holiday.

Each holidaymaker has his or her own way of relaxing. A water sports lover may well while away his days in a posh hotel's swimming pool, but it is most likely that he chooses to chase the waves of the ocean.

The holidaymaker may simply want to sit on the balcony of his hotel room and let the morning sun shower its gentle rays on his body. The balconies of the wood cabins in the forests of Moon Bay, Wuxi have left me with a nice memory in this regard.





1. Sand carving competition held at Old Stone Man Beach (by Ren Xihai)
2. There is a modern look about the entertainment centre at the Nanhu Holiday Resort in Guangzhou (by Chan Yat Nin).
3. The charm of Dianchi Lake which extends 250 kilometres (by Xu Jinyan)
4. Cruising the fabled Jiuqu Stream aboard a bamboo raft (by Chen Guangjun)
5. The golf course at Golden Stone Beach (by Wang Dabin)

If a visitor to the tropical city of Sanya does not like the idea of getting scorched in the sun, he may prefer the coziness of the hammock suspended in a certain tree grove. Lying, with a book in hand, he is sure to have a most relaxing experience as the hammock sways in the gentle breeze.





**SHESHAN, A NATURAL MOUNTAIN RESORT;
MEIZHOU ISLAND,
SANCTUARY OF
GODDESS MAZU**

Unlike other national holiday retreats in China, Sheshan attracts visitors with its mountains. As far as altitude goes, Sheshan is not a high mountain. The Eastern Sheshan Hill is only 74 metres above sea level, but the Sheshan Scenic Area in Songjiang County is protected and cherished as Shanghai's only nature reserve. It is a haven for wildlife and has local flora covering more than 200 varieties, including camphor trees, bamboo and beech. There are also a dozen or so animals, such as badgers, hedgehogs, pangolins, beavers, weasels and some poisonous snakes as well as birds, such as owls, orioles, eagles, halcyons and grey magpies.

Meizhou Island is famed for its temple in honour of Goddess Mazu, who is

度假區有名勝古蹟，

可以說是錦上添花；如果說

上海佘山的天主教堂是

古蹟的話，那麼無錫馬山（原名馬跡山）

的靈山大佛則是新建的旅遊勝處了。

Scenic Spots and Historical Sites

worshipped as the Goddess of the Sea by local and overseas Chinese. The temple is regarded as the first of at least a thousand counterparts established in various parts of the world in honour of the goddess. On the 23rd day of the third lunar month, the goddess's birthday, the temple on the island overflows with pilgrims from all over the world. This event, highlighted by burning joss sticks and sparkling candles, has itself become an attraction for tourists and holidaymakers alike.

CATHOLIC CHURCH ON SHESHAN; BUDDHA'S STATUE AT LINGSHAN

The Sheshan Catholic Church, solemnly named "St. Mary Hall of China", is reserved exclusively for Catholics. In the distance the church looks like a tiny mountain protruding from a flat land.

The church was built

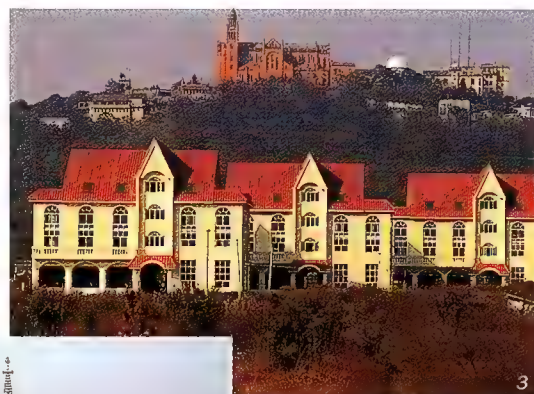
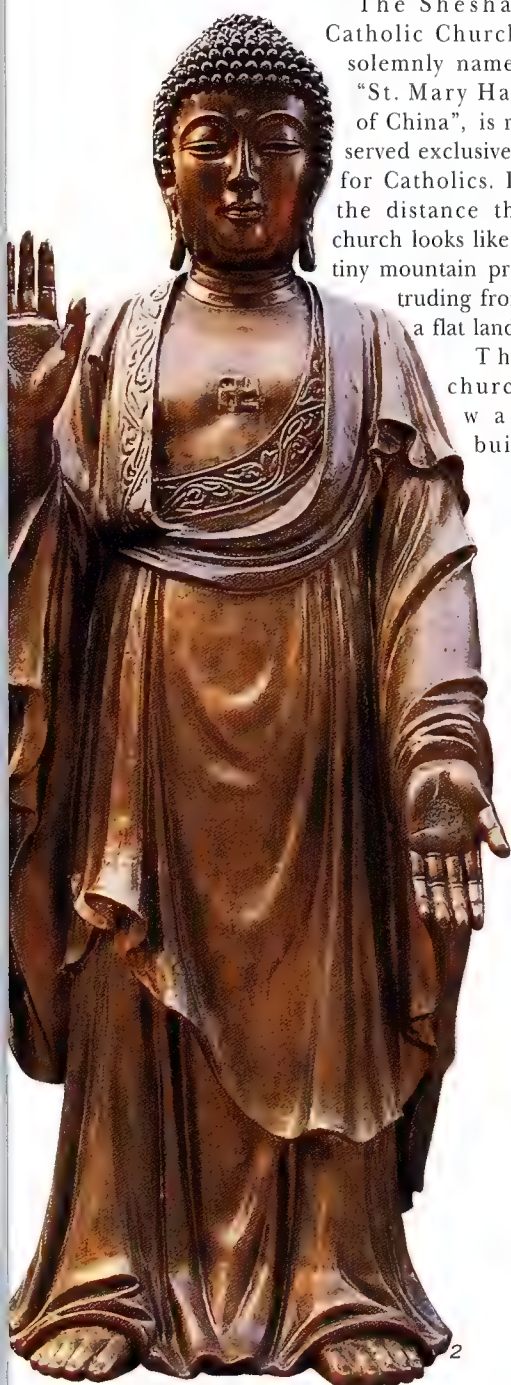
in 1873 upon the ruins of a Buddhist sanctuary, which declined and was eventually razed to the ground during the turmoil and wars of the Yuan Dynasty (1271-1368) and the Taiping Heavenly Kingdom (1851-1864) of the Qing Dynasty. It looks like a European medieval castle, and its centrepiece is a great hall with its 30-metre-high ceiling propped up by 20 granite pillars. In the afternoon the sun sheds golden rays through the stained-glass windows, adding an awe-inspiring touch to the quietude of the structure.

Considering the influence of Buddhism in China, however, the place cannot do without a statue of Sakyamuni, the great Buddha. For this reason a new sculpture of the Buddha will soon be erected as a new landmark on the southern side of the Qinglū Peak of Maji Mountain in Wuxi. The sculpture will be called "Lingshan Mountain Buddha" because it is to be enshrined in a place which the famous Tang-dynasty monk Tripitaka named Minor Lingshan Mountain. A model, the result of many retouches, now stand on the spot. It is eight metres in height and in a stalwart image. There is a serene and dignified look about the Buddha, and a lovable smile lingers

in the corners of his eyes as he gazes at the multitude of the world. The facial expression captures exactly the Buddha's benevolent and delightful personality. In his hand he holds the Abhayagiri Seal, whose function it is to dispel pain, and in his right hand the Wish Giving Seal, designed to be stow happiness to his followers.

The construction of this statue, which will stand as tall as 80 metres, will be marked as a major event in the recent hundred years of Chinese Buddhist history.

1. Dianchi Lake is home to the red-beak seagull (by Wu Jialin).
2. The model of the Lingshan Statue of the Buddha in Wuxi (by Chen Guangjun)
3. Catholic Church on top of a tiny hill at Sheshan, Shanghai (by Chen Haiwen)
4. Imitation of an ancient street in Suzhou (by Chen Guangjun)
5. The Temple of Goddess Mazu towers over a cluster of buildings on Meizhou Island (by Chan Yat Nin).



The Appeal of Ethnic Minorities

昆明滇池邊的民族村，
展示了雲南少數民族風情；
到了三亞亞龍灣，海灘上
黎族婦女擺起地攤賣貝殼，
與遊客討價還價。

Although Dali in Yunnan is the main habitat of the Bai ethnic group, they can be seen from time to time on the banks of Dianchi Lake in Kunming. In the newly built national village at Haigeng the typical wood houses and courtyards of the Bai, with three houses and a screen wall, can be seen, as well as the bamboo houses of the Dais.

No one mentions the Bai people without referring to their "Three Course Tea", and the Water Sprinkling Festival of the Dai is always a thrilling and unforgettable occasion.

In Sanya, Hainan the Li people leave one with an impression all of their own. One afternoon as we rambled along the beach at Yalong Bay we met some Li

women selling sea-shells, their stalls surrounded by tourists. This is only one of the ways in which they earn a living from the water. In fact they have their

specific characteristics too; the men like to smoke long bamboo pipes while the women love to chew betel nuts. If you were in a Li village you would hear every household hulling rice with local treadle-operated tilt hammers.

Bamboo tube rice is characteristic of the Li. First, they cut lengths of home-grown bamboo into which they pour a mixture of rice and water. They are then baked in a fire. When the rice is cooked, the bamboo tubes are split open and the food is ready to eat. This rice, with some modifications, has become a local speciality on many restaurant tables in Hainan.

Those who have visited minority areas, never forget the lively dances of the locals. On festive occasions especially, when a bonfire is lit, young men and women dance throughout the night, completely intoxicated by the spirit of the festival.

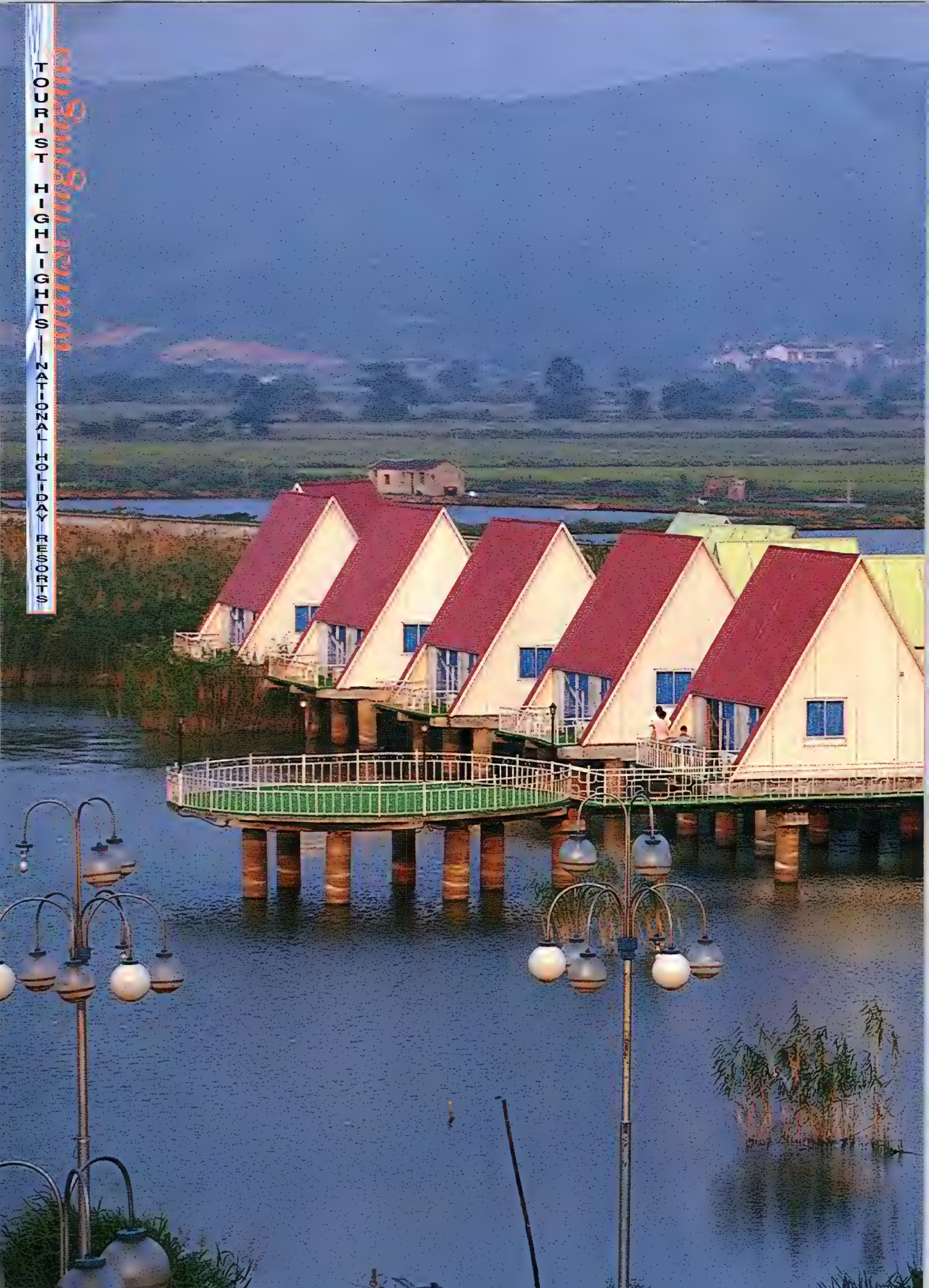
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1. Banquet inside a typical Dai bamboo house (by Qing Shui Wan)
2. Li women in traditional costume in Hainan's Sanya (by Yang Limin)
3. Performance at the Kunming Chinese Arts Festival presented by Bai dancers (by Xu Jinyan)
4. Fishing girls ready to pay homage at Mazu Temple on Meizhou Island (by Chan Yat Nin)







Bathed in autumnal morning sunlight, the wood cabins for holidaymakers stand in neat rows on the banks of Taihu Lake (by Chen Guangjun).



Comfortable Accommodation

Finding comfortable lodgings and spending a carefree time travelling to well-appointed hotels with good service is the pursuit of every holidaymaker.

My accommodation during this journey was satisfactory although the star-rated hotels are not comparable to the standards of international hotels. However, those in Shanghai impressed me greatly as they have managed to attain the generally acknowledged standards. But from the perspective of holidaymaking I think the wooden cabins on the banks of Taihu Lake were the most characteristic of all. Located far from the hectic city, they do not try to give you a four-star hotel, instead, with their simple kitchenware you feel an agreeable family atmosphere and if you are in the mood to be your own chef, you can cook in these cabin hotels too. Away from the turmoil of the world, these villa-like lodgings are set in the graceful ambiance of a forest with fresh air and lake waters just outside your door. Sitting on the roof-top balcony watching the sun rise and set, enjoying a gentle breeze, or listening to the chirping of birds with your eyes closed, you will feel lost in a time and place that cannot be found elsewhere.

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Dalian

Furama Hotel, 74 Sidalin Road	Tel: 0411-2630888
Jiuzhou Holiday Inn, 18 Shengli Square, Zhongshan District	Tel: 0411-2808888
Regent Hotel, 12 Hutan Street	Tel: 0411-2682811
Nanshan Hotel, 56 Fenglin Street, Zhongshan District	Tel: 0411-2638751
Royal Hotel, 143 Zhongshan Road	Tel: 0411-3633111
Grand Hotel, 1 Jiefang Street, Zhongshan District	Tel: 0411-2806161
Dalian Hotel, 4 Zhongshan Square, Zhongshan District	Tel: 0411-233111

Qingdao

Stone Cliffs Beach Hotel, Shilaoren (Stone Old Man) Holiday Resort	Tel: 0532-3897888
Haitian Hotel, 39 Zhanshan Avenue	Tel: 0532-3871888
Huiquan Dynasty Hotel, 9 Nanhai Road	Tel: 0532-2873366
Huanghai Hotel, 75 Yan'an Road 1, Shinan District	Tel: 0532-2870215
China Travel Service Building, 57 Zhanliugan Road	Tel: 0532-5828666
Overseas Chinese Hotel, 72 Hunan Road	Tel: 0532-2868888
Yuanyang Hotel, Zhanliugan Road Central	Tel: 0532-5815188
Huiwen Hotel, 6 Shanghai Road	Tel: 0532-2822570

Wuxi

Yueliangwan Holiday Club, at the foot of Guanfeng Peak, Mashan Mountain Beer Garden, Mashan Mountain	
Pan Pacific Wuxi Grand Hotel, 1 Liangqing Road	Tel: 0510-606789
Meilido Hotel, 2 Liangxi Road	Tel: 0510-665665
Hubin Hotel, Beside Liyuan Garden, Hubin Road	Tel: 0510-601888
Taihu Sunshine Hotel, Meiyuan Garden	Tel: 0510-607888
Lihu Hotel, Jincheng Bay	Tel: 0510-555888

Hangzhou

Dragon Hotel, Shuguang Road	Tel: 0571-5154488
Wanghu Hotel, 2 Huancheng Road West	Tel: 0571-7071024
Xinqiao Hotel, 176 Jiefang Road	Tel: 0571-7076688

Huangang Hotel, 4 Xishan Road	Tel: 0571-7071324
Overseas Chinese Hotel, 15 Hubin Road	Tel: 0571-7074401

Shanghai

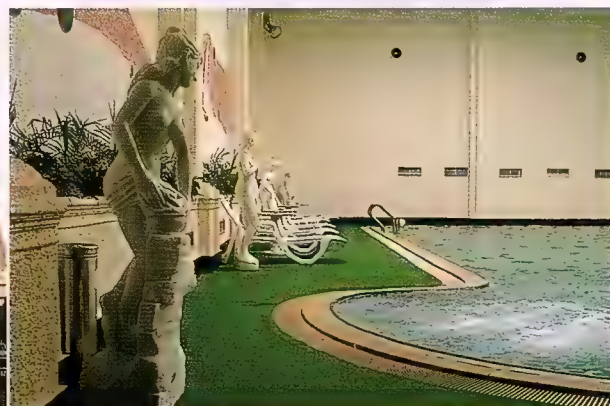
Shanghai Hilton, 250 Huashan Road	Tel: 021-2480000
Garden Hotel, 58 Maoming Road South	Tel: 021-4331111
Jin Jiang Tower, 161 Changle Road	Tel: 021-4334488
The Westin Tai Ping Yang, 5 Junyi Road South	Tel: 021-2758888
Portman Shangri-La, 1376 Nanjing Road West	Tel: 021-2798888
Shanghai JC Mandarin, 1225 Nanjing Road West	Tel: 021-2791888
Huatai Sheraton Hotel, 1200 Caoxi Road North	Tel: 021-4391000
Galaxy Hotel, 888 Zhongshan Road West	Tel: 021-2755888
Jin Jiang Hotel (North Building), 59 Maoming Road South	Tel: 021-2582582
Hotel Nikko Longbai, 2451 Hongqiao Road	Tel: 021-2559111
Hotel Equatorial, 65 Yan'an Road West	Tel: 021-2481688
Rainbow Hotel, 2000 Yan'an Road West	Tel: 021-2753388
Peace Hotel, 20 Nanjing Road East	Tel: 021-3211244
Lan Sheng Hotel, 1000 Youdian Road	Tel: 021-5428000
Jianguo Hotel, 439 Caoxi Road North, Xuhui District	Tel: 021-4399299
Shanghai Mansions, 20 Suzhou Road North	Tel: 021-3246260
Park Hotel, 170 Nanjing Road West	Tel: 021-3275225

Suzhou

Mingzhu Hotel, Wushan Taihu Lake Holiday Resort	
Suzhou Hotel, 115 Shiquan Road	Tel: 0512-224646
Nanlin Hotel (New Building), 20 Gunxiufang	Tel: 0512-224641
Gusu Hotel, 115 Shiquan Road	Tel: 0512-225127
Overseas Chinese Hotel, Sanxiang Road	Tel: 0512-334011

Wuyishan

Yunü Hotel, Wuyishan Holiday Resort	Tel: 0598-5252988
Wuyi Mountain Villa, Wuyi Palace, Wuyi Mountains	Tel: 0598-552981
Manting Villa, Wuyi Palace, Wuyi Mountains	Tel: 0598-532215
Shennong Hostel, Juexiao Road, east of city	Tel: 0598-532967



Meizhou Island

Tiangong Hotel, adjacent to Mazu Temple
of northern Meizhou Island Tel: 0594-663833
Chaosheng Hotel, west of Mazu Temple,
Meizhou Island Tel: 05998-664670
Tianfei Wenquan Hotel, crossing of
Xueyuan Road, Chengxiang District Tel: 05998-222203
Putian Qiaolian Building, Wenxian Road
West, Chengxiang District Tel: 05998-223830
Xinghua Hotel, 45 Fangxiang Lane,
Chengxiang District Tel: 05998-223771
Taiwan Hotel, east of Fenghuangshan Park Tel: 05998-222623

Guangzhou

Guangdong Nanhu Hotel, Tonghe, Shahe Tel: 020-7706706
White Swan Hotel, 1 Shamian Street South Tel: 020-8886968
China Hotel, Liuhua Road Tel: 020-6666888
The Garden Hotel, 368 Huanshi Road East Tel: 020-3338989
Dongfang Hotel, 120 Liuhua Road Tel: 020-6669900
Guangdong International Hotel,
339 Huanshi Road East Tel: 020-3311888
Baiyun Hotel, 367 Huanshi Road East Tel: 020-3333998
Liuhua Hotel, 194 Huanshi Road West Tel: 020-6668800
Guangzhou Hotel, Haizhu Square Tel: 020-3338168
Hutian Hotel, 156 Dongfeng Road West Tel: 020-8871888

Beihai

Furama Hotel, Chating Road Tel: 0779-2053594
Beihai Guest House, Beibuwan Road
Central Tel: 0779-2020131
Beihai Hotel, Beibuwan Road East Tel: 0779-2053511
Overseas Chinese Hotel, Sichuan Road Tel: 0779-3033038
Huangdu Hotel Tel: 0779-3035631

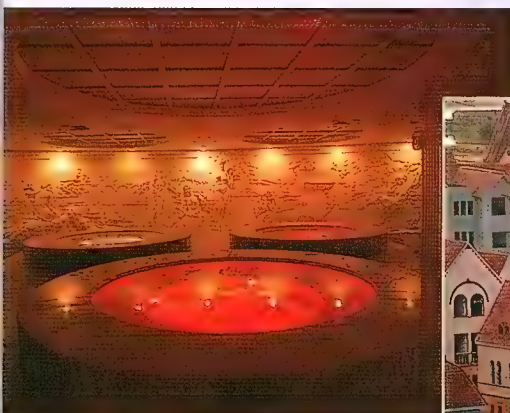


Kunming

Qixianzhuang Holiday Village, Haigeng Tel: 0871-4311954
Kunming Hotel, 145 Dongfeng Road East Tel: 0871-3162063
Golden Peacock Hotel, adjacent to Grand
View Tower Tel: 0871-4141334
King World Hotel, 28 Beijing Road South Tel: 0871-3138888
Tea Gardens Hotel, Yongping Road Tel: 0871-3139208
Kingsun Hotel, North Railway Station Tel: 0871-5419069
Golden Dragon Hotel, 575 Beijing Road Tel: 0871-3133015
Green Lake Hotel, 6 Cuihu Road South Tel: 0871-5155788

Sanya

Jinling Holiday Resort, Luling Road Tel: 0899-214081
Sanya Holiday Resort, Haipo Tourist
Development Area Tel: 0899-278007
South China Hotel, Dadonghai Tel: 0899-213888
International Hotel, Gangmen Road Tel: 0899-273068
Xinya Hotel, 3 Xinjian Road Tel: 0899-274952




Eating Your Way ^{Around} China



During your holiday, it is essential not only to live comfortably and play leisurely but also to eat well. Of course, you will want to taste the first-class food and specialities of the different regions and you will find that most of the famous local restaurants will serve these delicacies.

Generally speaking, the coastal cities of Hangzhou, Shanghai, Qingdao, Dalian, Sanya and even Wuxi and Suzhou are famous for their dishes of fish, shrimps, crabs and other seafood. Autumn particularly is an ideal season for eating crab, and Qiangdao's prawns are also unforgettable during this season.

You will find different delicacies in each area. For example, in Hangzhou the specialities are Dongpo Pork, Beggar's Chicken, Sister Song's Fish Soup, West Lake Beef Soup and Sweet and Sour Fish. Tasting these delicious dishes while imbibing the picturesque beauty of the lakescape at a lakeside restaurant and recalling or being told some of the legends surrounding these delicacies in relation to the West Lake is indeed an enjoyment of the fairies.

When travelling to Wuxi's Taihu Lake, one should taste the whitebait, while the bamboo-tube rice in Sanya, and Kunming's Steam-pot Chicken and Crossing-the-Bridge Rice Noodles are essential dishes. However, the most appetizing for me are the game dishes from the Wuyi Mountains. 

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Dalian

Specialties

Sweet and Sour Yellow Croaker, Baked Prawns, One Fish with Three Flavours, Braised Sea Cucumber in Soy Sauce, Sea Snails in Ginger Sauce, Dried Scallop with Sunflower, Shark's Fin in Water-melon, Oysters, Mixed Seafood, Braised Shark's Fin in Soy Sauce, Dry-fried Yellow Croaker, Shrimp Cake, Quick-fried Prawns

Restaurants

Sea Food Restaurant
85 Zhongshan Road, Dalian
Bohai Restaurant
116 Zhongshan Road, Dalian
International Club Tel: 7350098 7350099
Women's Travel Centre
Tel: 7350037 7350035
Meiguiyuan Hotel Tel: 7350247
Jinshan Tel: 7350343
Daqi Hotel Tel: 7350084
Shenyi Hotel Tel: 7350084

Qingdao

Specialties

Dragon and Phoenix Ham and Pork, Rose Fragrant Deep-fried Cake, Braised Shark's Fin, Steamed Red Porgy, Sweet and Sour Carp, Deep-fried Eight Pieces, Quick-fried Shelled Shrimps

Restaurants

Chunhelou Restaurant
Zhongshan Road North

Shanghai

Specialties

Tomato with Egg-white, Quick-fried Prawns in Soy Sauce, Mackerel and Lungs, Braised Mackerel Lips, Braised Turtle in Soy Sauce, Fried Crabs in Soy Paste, Clam and Crucian Carp Soup, Braised Mackerel Viscera, Mackerel Cooked in Wine, Quick-fried Prawns, Stir-fried Crab Ovary, Stir-fried shelled Shrimps, Yellow Croaker in Vinegar Sauce, Stir-fried Shredded Eel

Restaurants

Meilongzhen Restaurant
22, Lane 1081, Nanjing Road West
Laozhengxing Restaurant
330 Shandong Road Central
Gongdelin Vegetarian Restaurant
43 Huanghe Road

Suzhou

Specialties

Cone-Shaped Deep-fried Chinese Perch, Braised Chicken and Duck, Spiced Duck in Sweet Sauce, Stir-fried Chicken with Preserved Vegetable, Snow-Flake Chicken Meat Balls, Chicken Braised in Brown Sauce, Cold Dishes in Pine-and-Crane Pattern

Restaurant

Songhelou Restaurant
141 Guanqian Street, Suzhou

Wuxi

Specialties

Liangxi Crispy Eel, Mirror Case Bean Curd, Sliced Eel with Longan, Butterfly Sea Cucumber, Silver Carp Cooked in Grain and Wine, Fragrant Deep-fried

Glassfish, Three Shreds Kidney Roll, Braised Chicken in Clear Soup, Pure Crucian Carp Soup, Oiled Shark's Fin, Braised Fish, Deep-fried Crispy Eel, Eel Cooked with Prawns, Meat Stuffed with Gluten, Tendons Stewed in Milk

Restaurants

China Restaurant Hanchang Road
Zhuangyuanlou Restaurant
At the entrance of Jiangyin Lane

Hangzhou

Specialties

Sister Song's Fish Soup, West Lake Sweet and Sour Fish, Beggar's Chicken, Lily Spring Bamboo Shoots, Crispy and Tender Duck, Dongpo Pork, Stir-fried Eel Meat, Steamed Rice and Meat in Lotus Leaf, Quick-fried Shrimps with Longjing Tea Leaves, Stewed Carp's Head with Bean Curd in Earthen Pot, Stir-fried Diced Young Chicken with Chestnuts, Braised Bamboo Shoots, Tender Chicken with Grain and Wine, Stir-fried Prawns, Three Flavour Chinese Perch, Three Delicacies of Hangzhou, Shrimps, Crab Meat and Fish Lips, Clear Abalone Soup, Diced Chicken Cooked in Soy Paste, Winter Mushrooms with Flagelliform Star Jelly, Five-Flavour Spiced Duck, Quick-fried Eel, Dry-fried Siskin, Water Shield Thick Soup with Perch Fish Meat, Perch Cooked with Water Shield, Steamed Hilsa Herring Fish, West Lake Beef Soup

Restaurants

Louwailou Restaurant 29 Outer West Lake
Tianwaitian Restaurant 62 Lingyin Road
Tianxianglou Restaurant end of Jingting Bridge
Suchunzhai Restaurant 68 Yan'an Road
Lingyin Zhaitang Restaurant, east of the Main Hall of Lingyin Temple
Zhijiang Restaurant
Liuhe Pagoda of Lingyin Temple

Wuyishan

Specialties

Buddha Jumps Over Wall, various kinds of game dishes

Restaurants

Bidan Restaurant, inside Wuyi Palace
Manting Banquet Hall, Manting Mountain Villa, Wuyi Palace
Manting Yifeng Restaurant
Wuyi Mountain Villa, Wuyi Palace
Meihu Restaurant, inside Jiuqu Guesthouse,
Youxijin Restaurant

Meizhou Island

Specialties

Sea Mussels Cooked in Chicken Soup, Fish Lips in Thin Soup, Drunken Chicken, Chicken in Spicy Sauce, Stir-fried Pig's Tongue

Restaurants

Tiangong Restaurant
Mazu Temple, Northern Suburbs,
Xinghua Flavour Restaurant
West of Xinghua Hotel, Canghou Road,
Putian
Meizhou Hotel Tel: 0594-6694600
Jinsui Mansion Tel: 0594-6693557
Lianchi Mountain Villa Tel: 0594-6692061
Tiangong Hotel Tel: 0592-6693833
Tianzhong Forest Hotel Tel: 0594-6692095

Guangzhou

Specialties

Turkey with Plums, Crispy Suckling Pig, Steamed Perch, Braised Eel in Earthen Pot, Guangzhou Chicken Cooked with Maotai Liquor, Wenchang Chicken of Guangzhou, Hongmian Jiagi Duck, Braised Shark's Fin and Abalone Guangzhou Roast Goose, Turtle Soup in Earthen Pot, Peony Shelled Shrimps, Young Chicken Roasted with Tea, Roasted Duck in Open-fire, Sliced Field Sparrow, Steamed Bream, Huzhou Braised Wild Goose, Huguo Vegetable Soup, Hainan Coconut Soup in Pot, Quick-fried Shelled Shrimps, Multi-flavoured Chicken Cooked with Flowers, Fried Perch Fish Balls, Turtle Braised in Earthen Pot, Jingling Crispy-Skin Duck

Restaurants

Guangzhou Restaurant 2 Wenchang Road
Panxi Restaurant 151 Xiangyang No.1 Road
Nanguo Restaurant 120 Qianjin Road
Yiyuan Restaurant 90 Liwan Road South
Nanhu Hotel Flavour Restaurant
Tonghe, Guangzhou Tel: 7706706

Beihai

Specialties

Braised Masked Civet, Braised Turtle with Pseudo-Ginseng, Original-Flavour Paper-Wrapped Chicken, Stewed Turtle with Fresh Mushrooms, Water Chestnuts Cooked with Snake Meat, Baked Crispy Suckling Pig with Soy Paste, Chicken Stewed with Tokays, Catfish Stewed with Garlic

Restaurants

Yinguan Hotel 7 Road Yintan West District
Yintan Hotel, inside Central Bath in Yintan West District
Haitian Guesthouse, opposite the East Gate of Haitan Park, Yintan West District
Guanhai Tower
Inside Central Bath in Yintan West District

Kunming

Specialties

Steam-Pot Chicken, Quick-fried Tripe, Five-Flavour Stewed Duck, Steamed Chicken in Lotus Leaf, Steamed Meat in Lotus Leaf, Soft Red Beans, Braised Winter Bamboo Shoots, Crispy Squid, Baked Snakehead Mullet, Soy Sauced Chicken Legs, Taiji Bean Curd, Chicken Wings and Lamb Tripe, Crossing-the-Bridge Rice Noodles

Restaurants

Yunnan Folk Village Flavour Food Centre, inside Dianchi Holiday Resort
Tel: 4311897
Qixianzhuang Holiday Resort Restaurant, inside Dianchu Holiday Resort
Jixingyuan Flavour City
154 Dongfeng Road East Tel: 3191949
Yunyuan Flavour Restaurant
328 Tuodong Road
Huguo Hotel
12 Huguo Road
Tel: 3163013
Dexinyuan Restaurant
80 Nantong Street
Tel: 3163985
Crossing-the-Bridge Rice Noodles Restaurant
Nantong Street

Sanya

Specialties

Sanya Sea Snake, Hainan Chicken Rice, Bamboo-Tube Rice, Young Chicken with Shredded Coconut, Hainan-style Tripe Cooked with Pepper, various seafood

Restaurants

Yalong Bay Cuixiangge Restaurant
Central Arcade, Yalong Bay
Tel: 279700-3107
Yalong Bay Food Bazaar
Central Arcade, Yalong Bay
Tel: 279700-3107



Choosing Local Specialities



Longjing (Dragon Well) Tea from Hangzhou and Yan (Rock) Tea from the Wuyi Mountains in Fujian, are not to be missed if visiting these areas as they make one of the best gifts from China. Dahongpao (Large Red Robe) Tea, also from these mountains, is a noted variety, and used to be presented to the imperial court. The few surviving trees altogether can only produce several ounces annually. Even Xiaohongpao


On any holiday trip you are sure to find one or two local specialities worthy of purchase either as a souvenir for yourself or as a gift for relatives and friends.

Obviously local specialities are produced using natural materials and resources found in the surrounding areas. For example, since Qingdao and Dalian are coastal cities, a huge variety of shell carvings are produced. There are also the speciality dishes of Wuxi's glassfish found only in Taihu Lake and Hangzhou's Longjing Tea only to be found in the Longjing mountainous areas; these are irrefutably local products.



(Small Red Robe) Tea, a variety grafted from Dahongpao, does not yield well and so the demand exceeds supply. Yan Tea, though not as superior as Dahongpao, is also one of the best.

Bamboo articles from the Wuyi Mountains are equally excellent local products. As we strolled along an imitation Song-dynasty street in the Wuyi Palace, we saw a chain of shops selling a huge variety of bamboo articles, too many to choose from. I had to suppress the urge to buy all of them and finally bought only two bamboo cups as keepsakes. However, when the shop-keeper promised that the purchases could be mailed to a home address, two of my companions went crazy and bought a variety of bamboo cups, bowls, chopsticks, pots, etc.

In Sanya the best buys are shells. Women of the Li minority hawk their goods on the seashore selling ornaments made from sea snails, coral and shells in various bright colours and all uniquely patterned. No wonder they attract many buyers. One of my companions bought a piece of coral, but after a heated discussion, none of us could decide whether it was a genuine piece or not. 

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Text by Jun Feng



Dalian

Shell carvings and mosaics

Qingdao

Shell carvings and mosaics

Shanghai

Duoyunxuan seal carvings, lacquerware, embroideries, woollen needlepoint, paper-cuts, Caosugong ink, ink slab carvings

Suzhou

Jasmine tea, Song brocade, Suzhou embroideries, Huguan straw mats, fans

Wuxi

Huishan clay figurines, Taihu Lake whitebait, pork chops

Hangzhou

West Lake Longjing (Dragon Well) Tea, West Lake water shield, silks, Zhang Xiaoquan scissors, silk parasols, Tianzhu bamboo chopsticks

Wuyishan

Wuyishan Yan Tea, bamboo handicrafts

Meizhou Island

Mazu (Goddess of the Sea) souvenirs, incense bags, precious mirrors and blessing necklaces, Mazu Temple seal impressions

Guangzhou

Ivory carvings

Beihai

Shell carvings, coral, seashells

Kunming

Bronze artifacts, marble *weiqi*, batik, marble and tinned handicrafts, jade carvings

Sanya

Shell, coconut-shell carvings



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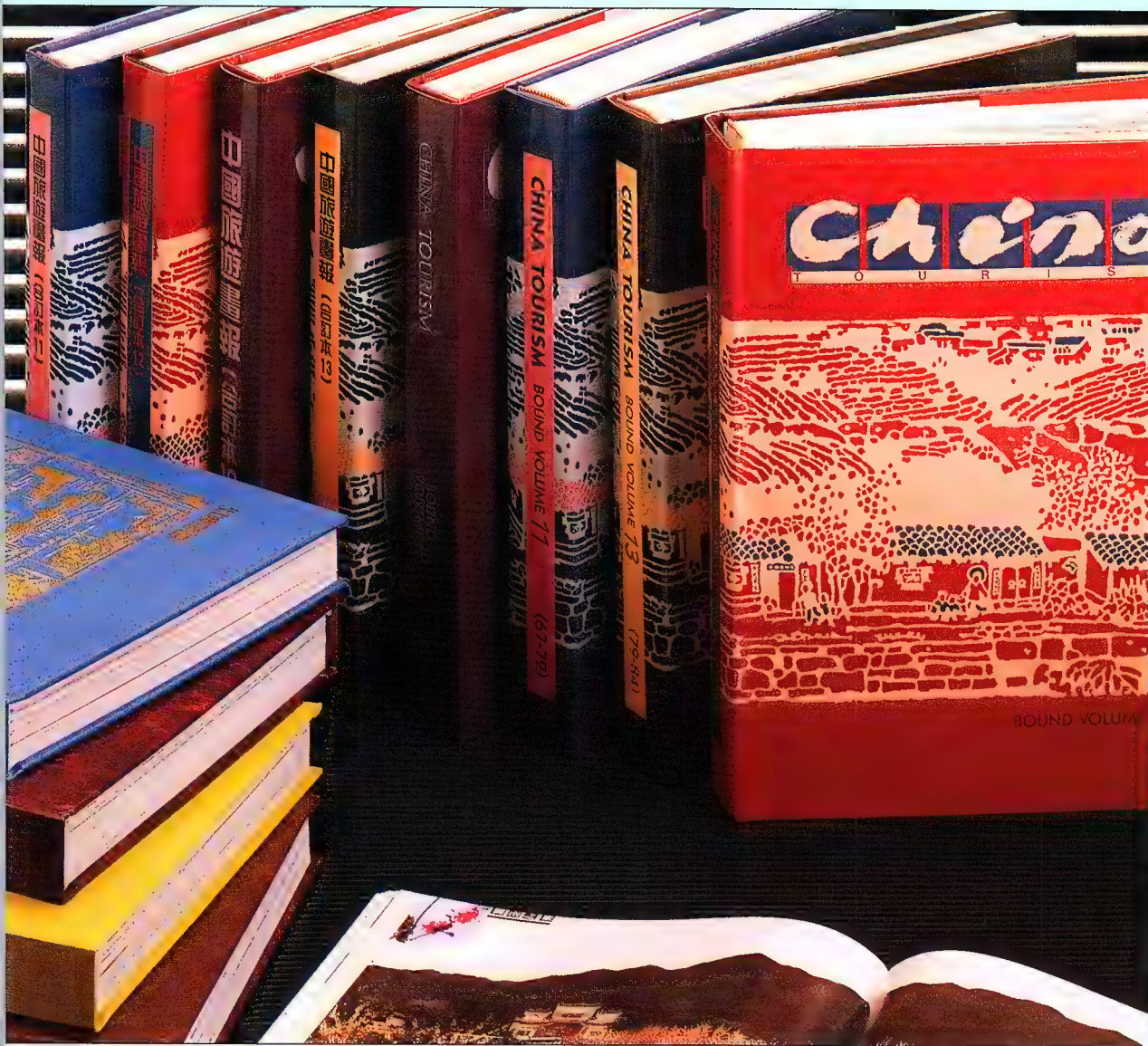
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The Largest Temple Fair in China

Ancestral Grandfather's Temple Fair



1. The Flower Basket Dance performed at Fu Xi's Mausoleum is a primitive exorcist dance handed down from the distant past. Only taught to women, the performers here are old ladies in their 70s or 80s.
2. In front of Fu Xi's Mausoleum is a large earthen mound with a terrace symbolizing the Eight Trigrams.
3. Yellow flags with the design of a green dragon on them used in the memorial ceremony

Early last year, I visited Huaiyang in Henan Province, where I caught a glimpse of the Ancestral Grandfather's Temple Fair, the largest of its kind in China. Huaiyang, as well as being a famous historical city in the Central Plains, is also a place of origin of ancient Chinese culture.

FU XI, THE SAGE KING

The Ancestral Grandfather's Temple was built in memory of Fu Xi, or Tai Hao, a tribal chief of remote antiquity in the Central Plains. Born in Chengji (today's Tianshui in Gansu Province) and surnamed Feng, he built his capital in Yuanqiu (today's Huaiyang) and was said to have reigned continuously for 115 years until he died at the age of 175. As a leader who had laid the foundations of ancient Chinese civilizations, he was honoured by later generations as the Dragon Ancestor, Ancestral Grandfather and Cultured Ancestor, and Yuanqiu where he had built his capital was called the Dragon Capital. People named him the first of the Three Sage Kings, together with Shen Nong and Sui Ren. A mausoleum and memorial temple was built in his honour at Yuanqiu a very long time ago. The buildings constructed before the Ming Dynasty (1368-1644), were, however, destroyed by flood waters as a result of the repeated change of course of the Yellow River in historical times. Most of the existing buildings and artifacts belong to the Ming Dynasty.

The mausoleum and temple devoted to Fu Xi is a complex of nine courtyards and 10 gates laid out one behind another along a south-north axis



in the architectural style of an imperial palace. If all 10 gates are open, one standing at the temple's main gate can see right through to the mausoleum at the back of the temple. This is called "the lining up of 10 gate".

Behind the temple's main gate is Yudai (Jade Belt) Bridge and a passage flanked by pines and firs and leading to the Yudai Road, at the end of which is the central square and the centre of Tai Hao's mausoleum. From there, a flight of steps leads up to Taiji (Supreme Ultimate) Gate and an imposing great hall, Tongtian (Heaven Uniting) Hall, where Fu Xi, the Sage King, is worshipped. An annual memorial ceremony is held on the terrace in front of the hall on the morning of the 14th day of the first lunar month. Sacrifices of pigs, cattle and sheep were placed under the upturned eaves of the great hall and guarded on the left and right by a dozen or so middle-aged women carrying yellow flags emblazoned with green dragons. Lined along either side at the base of the terrace were performers of the dragon dance. The ceremony began at about eight o'clock in the morning. The man presiding over the ceremony knelt down to

deliver the elegiac address. Several dozen able-bodied men dressed in white then stood to attention on the terrace and, at the order of the man presiding over the ceremony, kowtowed repeatedly to the image of Fu Xi. At this moment, a large crowd of worshippers who had been waiting outside the Gate of the Supreme Ultimate began to pour into the mausoleum square. The noise they made was soon submerged by the performances of the dragon dance, lion dance and a military band.

BABY HOLE

After the ceremony, I walked towards the north to look at each of the buildings and artifacts. After seeing the exhibits in Xianren (Prominent Benevolence) Hall behind the Heaven Uniting Hall, I found that a group of women had gathered at the stone foundation on the eastern side of the hall. There was a hole about three or four centimetres wide in the green stone foundation at the northeastern corner of the hall. Every one of the girls, young wives, middle-aged women and even old ladies in their 70s and 80s passing by the stone put two fingers into the hole and probed into it several





times. The local people called this hole, which is shaped like a female reproductive organ, the baby hole. It is said that a woman who wants to have a baby may have her wish fulfilled after touching the baby hole with her fingers.

TYING A CLAY DOLL WITH A RED STRING

Besides the baby hole, there is another folk tradition associated with the worship of reproduction in the Ancestral Grandfather's Temple. This is called tying clay dolls. The Nū Wa's Shrine, popularly known as the Baby Hall, in the temple is a sacred shrine of prayer for the birth of a child. In the old days a great number of male and female clay dolls of different sizes were displayed in the hall. An aged woman told me that when she was young she had come to tie a clay doll with a red string. In those days, a woman did not have to say anything upon entering the hall. Knowing what she had come for, a Taoist priest at the door would give her a piece of red string. The woman would tie the string on a doll of her choice from among the many on display, put the doll to her bosom and leave immediately. On her way home she would whisper to the baby doll the auspicious name she had chosen for it beforehand. Back home she would wrap the doll in a piece of red cloth and hide it under the pillow that night and the following morning put it in a clothing trunk in the hope that a child might be born to her during the following year. If her wish was fulfilled, she had to take

three clay dolls to the shrine to ensure that the new-born baby would be well. If she could not have a child that year, it was probably because she had broken one or another of the taboos, and she had to come back to the shrine the next year to tie another doll.

THE MAIN DAY OF THE TEMPLE FAIR

The 15th day of the second lunar month is the main and busiest day of the Ancestral Grandfather's Temple Fair. In the early morning, tractors, farm trucks and three-wheeled motor vehicles began to take worshippers to the temple fair from far-away places. The worshippers on these vehicles carried yellow shoulder-bags, candles, incense, colourful paper-pasted articles and banners; some looked excited and others more solemn. There were also groups of worshippers who were heading for the temple fair on foot. Headed by their leaders they carried a small yellow pennant, these worshippers were village women dressed in plain black clothes. They also carried colourful banners and sacrificial offerings in their hands. The road leading to the temple was lined with stalls selling candles, incense, printed pictures and other sacrificial articles. Some of the vendors even tried to intercept the worshippers in

the middle of the road to peddle their goods.

A great number of the worshippers carried paper-pasted models of memorial shrines in their hands. In Huaiyang there is a folk custom of making models of memorial arches for Fu Xi, the Ancestral Grandfather. These shrine models are made with colourful paper pasted onto a framework of sorghum stalks. At the centre of the model shrine is a printed portrait of Fu Xi. No one is supposed to paint a portrait other than this one. People look upon Fu Xi as both a distant ancestor and a god. They make paper-pasted shrines and burn them in front of the mausoleum to show their devotion to him.

When people came the Ancestral





Grandfather's Temple to pray for a child by tying a red string on a clay doll, they made pledges, which could either be the burning of incense, the offering of a gift or a donation to the temple. If a baby son was born to them as they had prayed for, they would take the child to the temple on the 15th day of the second lunar month every year to honour their pledge. When the child reached the age of 12, they would take the child to the temple on that day for the last time to carry out a major pledge and repay the Ancestral Grandfather's blessing. During my visit to the temple, I found a great number of 12-year-old boys dressed in colourful clothes with flowers pinned on them. They had come with their parents for the last time to honour their pledge.

FLOWER BASKET DANCE AND CLAY CREATURES

The most interesting item in the sacrificial performance was the Flower Basket Dance performed by aged women. Most of the dancers came from the countryside, and the dance was a primitive exorcist dance handed down from the distant past and performed to entertain the gods and in memory of ancestors.

As the sun rose in the sky, more people had crowded into the mausoleum square. There were tens of thousands of them. They scrambled to throw bundles of incense, candles, magic figures inscribed on yellow paper

and paper-pasted objects such as shrines, horses, dragons, clothes and shoes into the roaring fire in the sacrificial burning pit.

When I edged my way out of the Gate of the Supreme Ultimate, I found that the large square in front of the gate had been turned into a toy market with hoards of women and children. Most of the peddlers were elderly men and elderly or middle-aged village women. They carried their wares in a basket or on a cart, and most of the toys they sold were home-made by farmers. There were all kinds of creatures made of clay, which are collectively called "clay dogs" or "mausoleum dogs" by the local people. The clay creatures are made in memory of the Ancestral Grandfather from ancient moulds handed down from generation to generation. No one is supposed to alter them.

Also sold at the temple fair is a toy wind instrument called *xun*, which is shaped like a pear with three or five holes on it. It is amazing to see that the toy *xun* sold at the temple fair is basically the same as the ones unearthed from the Neolithic site at Banpo Village, the Tomb of Marquis Yi of Zeng in Hubei and the archaeological site at Dongguan in Huaiyang. The *xun* is said to have been invented by Fu Xi.

Translated by Tang Bowen

Photos & Article by Shan Xiaogang



1. Stalls at the temple fair sell clay toys made in an artistic style that can only be found in ancient lacquer and pottery articles. They can be called modern versions of "totems" or "living fossils", which reflect the age-old tradition of worshipping the god of reproduction and the legend that the Fu Xi and Nü Wa created human beings out of clay.
2. Worshippers take paper-pasted clothes, buildings and shoes to the temple and offer them to the Ancestral Grandfather and Grandmother in return for their blessing.
3. Worshippers deliver their sacrificial offerings by burning them in a pit. Sometimes there are so many that the fire in the pit is put out.
4. The Eight Trigrams painted on the ceiling of a pavilion where Fu Xi is said to have designed the Eight Trigrams.





The *Longevity* Inscriptions on Longevity Mountain



Top left: On the mountain rock the character "Longevity" is carved in different calligraphic styles.

Bottom left: The character "Longevity" is so big that a man standing before it is smaller than one of its points or strokes.

*Top right: Viewed from a distance Longevity Mountain looks like a section of the Huangshan Mountain in Anhui.
Bottom right: On the natural pillar-like rock at the top of the mountain are carved the huge words "Longevity Mountain".*

Qinhuangdao is a seaside town on the western bank of Bohai Bay, Hebei Province already famous for its vast sea, magnificent mountains and strategically located passes. Now, Changshoushan (Longevity Mountain), a newly-developed excursion centre, is Qinhuangdao's newest attraction.

ROCKS AND MEDICINAL CHINESE HERBS

Longevity Mountain is located nine kilometres north of Shanhai Pass at the foot of the Great Wall and stretches for six kilometres from the scenic spots of Xuanyang Cave, Ox Mountain, Peach Garden, Stone Gate, Horn Mountain, Eagle Nest Mountain, Thrush Cliff, Weichun Mountain and Xiaoshan Mountain in the east and ending in the west at the eastern bank of Lake Yansai, covering a total area of 175 hectares.

A natural landscape, Longevity Mountain is strewn with interesting natural rock formations, caves, streams and medicinal Chinese herbs. All the cultural relics and scenic spots are connected with the theme of longevity and the development of traditional medicinal science aiming to prolong life. It is both an excellent summer resort and sanitarium.

Viewed from a distance and being very unique in shape, the mountain looks like a section of the famous Huangshan Mountain in Anhui. Inside the gate to the mountain stands a tower-like peak carved with the huge characters "Longevity Mountain" written in freehand by the renowned 108-year-old calligrapher Sun Mofo.

EVERYTHING RELATED TO LONG LIFE

The Longevity Mountain Tourist Centre includes such attractions as the Stone Gate Historical Site, the Land of Peach Blossoms and the Grotto of Miraculous Doctors. The magnificent Stone Gate Mountain rises up into the sky and it is said that it is "A Universe Rock" dropped from the sky. It bears the distinctive feature of mountains in the north. The man-made Yixiantian Pass and the ruins of the ancient Gaoli camping ground are also popular attractions.



The Land of Peach Blossoms is a botanical garden of Chinese medicinal herbs surrounded by mountain peaks. In addition to arbors such as peach, plum, Chinese *toon* and mulberry which are used in Chinese medicine, it also produces several dozen types of shrub, liana and herbal plants.

At the Grotto of Miraculous Doctors famous grotesque rocks can be found called "The Crocodile Coming Out from the Sea", "The Rock of Turtle Mother and Son", "The Camel Turning Its Head Back" and "Geese Getting Together". The longer you look at these rocks, the more realistic they become. The rock carvings have been designed by several renowned Chinese sculptors like Liu Kaiqu, Zeng Zhushao and Fu Tianchou have since become the largest in modern China. The huge portraits are of doctors and eminent figures connected with the subject of prolonged life, including highly-skilled ancient doctors Hua Tuo, Zhang Zhongjing, Sun Simiao and Bian Que who helped to eliminate disease, prolong life and are fabled to have brought the dying back to life, plus a portrait of the great medicine expert Li Shizhen. Various styles of the characters showing "Longevity" have been carved on the forest of steles by famous

engravers, written in regular script, freehand, official script, seal and others. They are a dazzling monument to "Longevity".

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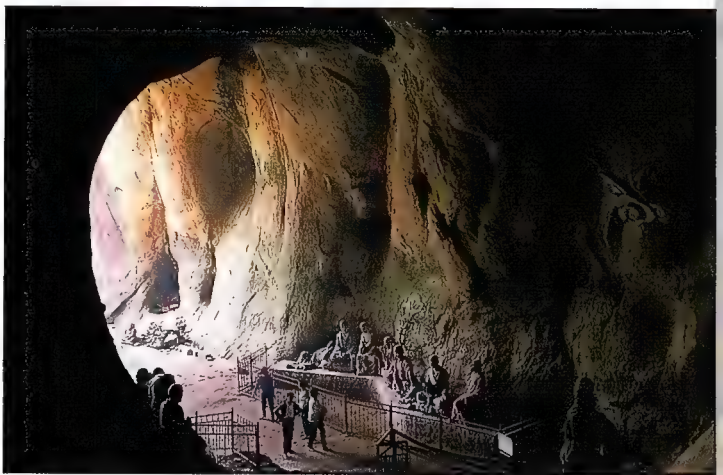
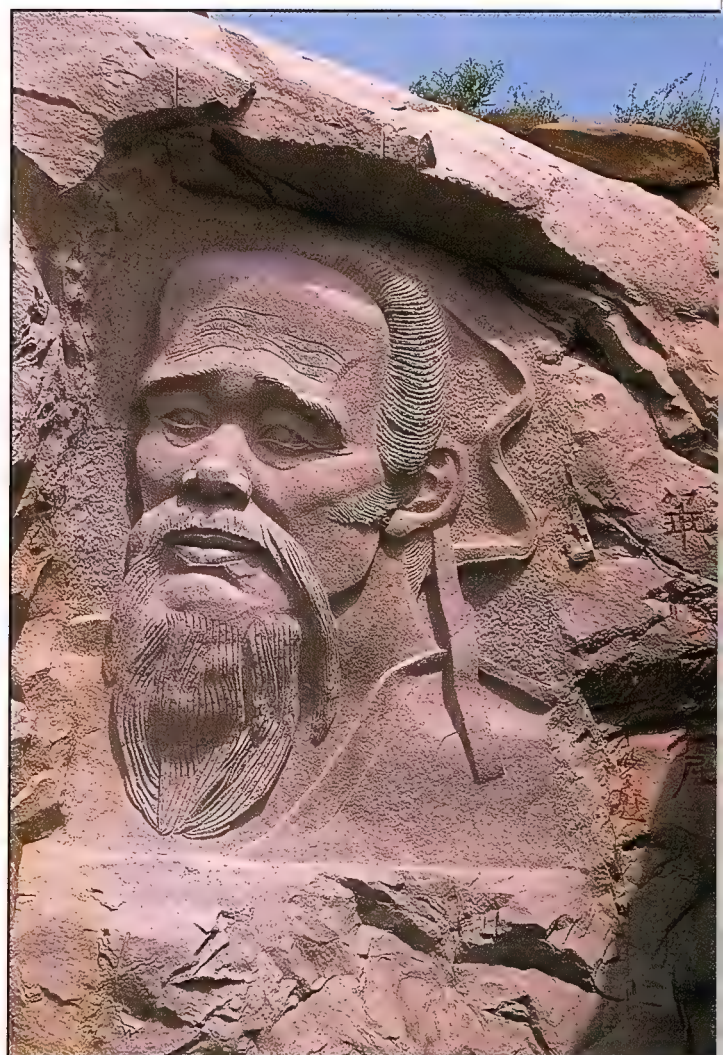
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Left: "The Land of Peach Blossoms", surrounded by mountains, is a botanical garden of Chinese medicinal herbs.

Top right: Huge portrait of the miraculous doctor Hua Tuo

Bottom right: In the spacious Xuanyang Cave not far from Longevity Mountain are statues of the 18 arhats.





Charm of Birds

Birds either flying in the sky or swimming in water possess a unique charm. Who amongst us have failed to marvel at the effortless elegance with which giant birds soar into the sky, and glide on the air currents? Man has long envied this joy and freedom of flight, inventing aeroplanes and their like to try to emulate the experience.

Photographers too are fascinated by birds, some devoting a lifetime to the subject. Capturing birds on film is a difficult task. Most species stay far away from us choosing to inhabit ei-

ther deep forests or remote water areas. This is particularly true of rare species. Therefore crossing steep mountains and wading through deep rivers are frequent hazards to be endured by photographers on a mission. The restriction of seasons aside, birds are easily alarmed, thus making them difficult to approach. Telephoto lenses

that produce clear images are essential tools. And some birds take off so fast ... judgment, experience and perfect timing are essential to capture a wonderful moment.

Translated by Li Guoqing
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P R E E N I N G

On the five stone pillars sit
five sea gulls straightening
their plumage. To the less
observant, such a humorous
photo is impossible.

(P h o t o b y H u X i a o l i)



C O L O U R F U L N E C K L A C E

Their take-off creates an arc-like
ripple on the water, sparkling
like precious gems in the sun-
shine. Doesn't it resemble a
lady's necklace?



B A L L E T O N W A T E R

Never seen ballet performed on
water before? Then look at these
five white geese in dance. Although
not lithe, their moves are precise.

(P h o t o b y X u J i a n h u a)



R E T U R N I N G A T D U S K

In the evening glow, just as
the sun disappears behind a
mount, a few egrets enter the
picture. Their elegant wing
movements adding charm to
the scene.



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A PALATIAL VILLA BESIDE THE SEA

Tianhai Villa *in* Zhuhai Holiday Resort

The Pearl River Delta is a good choice when seeking accommodation as there are an abundance of star-rated hotels which are among the best nation-wide.

Tianhai Villa in Zhuhai Holiday Resort is a fabulous star-rated hotel. It takes only one hour from Hong Kong to Jiuzhou Port by jetfoil and a further five minutes to the resort. Ranked as a four-star hotel the resort not only offers accommodation, but is also an ideal place for wining, dining, and entertaining.

Flanked by beautiful lawns and overlooking the sea, Tianhai Villa is a recently completed Western-style mansion inside the holiday resort offering elegance and all the amenities of a four-star hotel. A drive directly links the villa with the main entrance to the resort. Arriving at the villa the visitor is welcomed into a spacious lobby, sumptuously decorated with a magnificent crystal chandelier and grand piano. The guest rooms lead onto the lobby while upstairs are the master (presidential) suite, mistress suite, lounges



and restaurant, as well as a mahjong room. The rooms are bright and luxuriously decorated especially the master suite which is furnished with a gold and cream colour theme and all the furniture and fixtures have been imported from Italy.

The master and mistress suites are equipped with ample lovers' whirlpool baths and sauna rooms. The indoor swimming pool is located on the top floor. Through French windows, with lawn terraces on either side, one can enjoy fantastic seaviews stretching across to Macau.

This noble villa is, of course, designed in the main only for the rich and famous, state guests and leaders from both home and abroad; but, if there is a vacancy, and your budget allows it, you might like treat yourself. The rate for the whole villa is RMB¥160,000 per day, or RMB¥80,000 for a presidential suite and at least RMB¥1,000 for an entourage room.

Photos & Text by Chan Yat Nin



1. King-size bed inside a master room
2. Master suite living room
3. The unique outlook of Tianhai Villa
4. Indoor swimming pool overlooks the sea facing Macau
5. Lovers' whirlpool bath

Yunlong *The Home of Bridges*



Yunlong County in Yunnan Province boasts over 100 bridges of different styles built in different periods through history. Thus Yunlong is termed “a bridge museum” or “the home of bridges”.

We took an overnight train from Kunming to the city of Dali, where we switched to a bus and rode along the Yunnan-Burma Highway. At about two o'clock that afternoon, we found ourselves at Shimen Town, the county seat of Yunlong.

THE QINGYUN BRIDGE — THE FIRST OVER THE BIJIANG RIVER

In the ravine one kilometre south of the town, we saw the first bridge over the Bijiang River, the Qingyun Bridge.

Built in 1823, 36 metres long and 2.8 metres wide, the bridge has five iron chains lined together on which wooden planks are placed. On each side there is an iron chain that serves as a handhold. Thanks to repeated maintenance the bridge is still in use.

Further upstream on the Bijiang

River, inside Guolang Township, we saw a suspension bridge built during the late Qing Dynasty (1644-1911), locally called the Guolang Suspended Bridge.

THE UNIQUE TONGJIN BRIDGE

At about noon we arrived at Yongxin Township where we rushed to see the Anlan Bridge. We happened to see caravans of horses passing to and fro on the bridge and we were reminded of the old days.

On our way we saw several small bridges, each one unique. They bridged the ancient post road and are presently still in use.

Among them, the Tongjin Bridge over the Bijiang River in Changxin Township. Also called Daboluo Bridge, it was first built in 1776, destroyed during a flood and rebuilt in 1835. It is a wooden bridge on 30 wood stakes, 40 metres long and four metres wide, of single-arm and just one arch. Of all the bridges in the Dali area, built in the same style, it has the longest span.

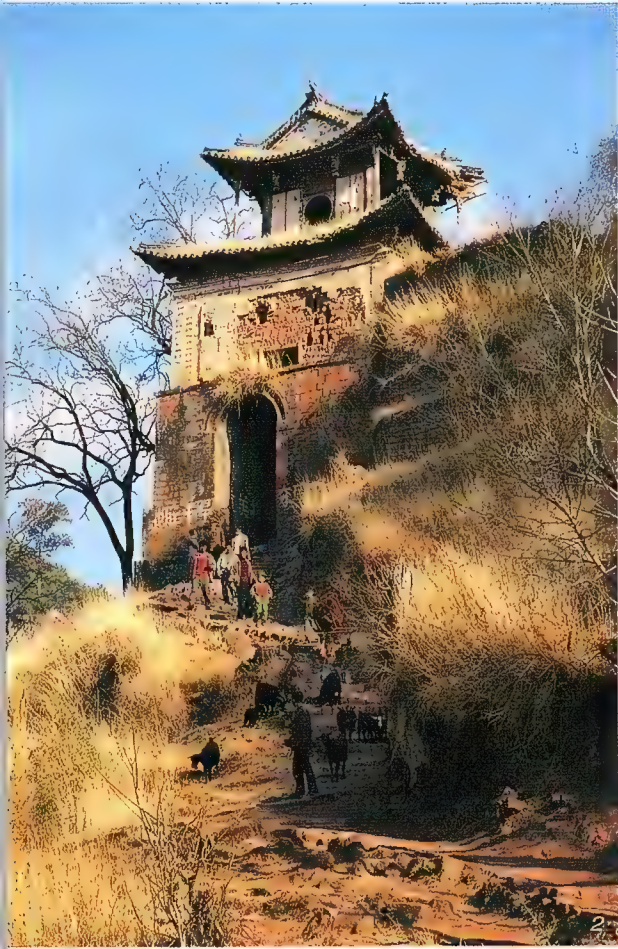
ANCIENT BRIDGES ON THE ANCIENT CARAVAN ROAD

The Xuantian Tower in Baishi Township, used to be a key pass on the ancient post road and it still preserves its original look. Following the flagged road we crossed over and came into a village of Bai people. In olden days, people here made salt from local brine and caravans carried the salt along the ancient post road, crossing the Lancang River by way of the Caifeng, Wuli and the Feilong bridges into Burma and beyond.

The Caifeng Bridge in the Shundang Village of Baishi Township, built in 1679 during the Qing Dynasty, was the first bridge on the upper stream of Bijiang River in Yunlong County. Similarly used for salt transportation in the olden days it is also of single-arm style, made of wood and has been renovated several times through history.

OLD CANE BRIDGE

Not far from the Caifeng Bridge on the lower reaches of Bijiang River there



1. The Tongjin Bridge built in 1776, was destroyed in a flood, and rebuilt in 1835.
2. The Xuantian Tower used to be an important pass on the ancient post road (by Xu Qingyuan)
3. The Qingyun Bridge over the Bijiang River built in 1835
4. A wedding ceremony being held in a small town by the Qingyun Bridge







Distribution of Main Ancient Bridges at Yunlong



1. The Anlan Bridge over the Bijiang River is made of iron chains and used by people and horses.
2. A nameless small bridge by the Anlan Bridge
3. The old cane bridge suspended like a fishing net in the air
4. Ruins of the old Gongguo Bridge, repeatedly bombed by Japanese fighter planes

was an old cane bridge made of woven vines, tied at either end to an old, thick chestnut tree on the bank. The main vines are five centimetres thick and 25 metres long, from which a long net of thin vines is suspended with wooden planks at the bottom for people to walk on, just like a fishing net hanging over the river.

Out of curiosity we stepped onto the bridge. Just a few steps further the bridge began to shake and the net spread seemingly to swallow us up. Scary indeed!

After a day's rest at Shimen Town, we went to visit Jiuzhou Township, where the Bijiang River merged with the Lancang River. Over the latter was a bridge called Gongguo Bridge which during World War II, Japanese fighter planes bombed repeatedly. Each time the Chinese military and civilian people repaired it in no time at all in order to guarantee the transportation along the

Sino-Burmese Highway. The bridge was then called the "Indestructible". Relics of the old Gongguo Bridge are still seen on the lower reaches.

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Initiation of 500 Monks *at the* 500 Arhats Temple

The seventh religious meeting sponsored by the Sichuan Buddhist Association to initiate people into monkhood was being held at Baoguang Temple in Xindu and would last for a month. The number being initiated amounted to more than 500. Such a large induction was unprecedented in China. Coincidentally, they were being initiated at the Baoguang Temple which has been known for its 500 arhats.

By the time I hurried to Xindu, a county under the administration of Chengdu City in Sichuan Province, and found Baoguang Temple, it was already past 10 o'clock on the morning of the last day; the final ceremony was almost coming to an end. I squeezed through the crowd and found the best place to stand and watch. A long procession of the new monks came out from a hall and began to chant Buddhist scriptures while walking around the courtyard, holding colourful banners and alms bowls in their hands. Their red, yellow and brown *kasayas* (Buddhist vestments) were stunning in the sunshine.

After that, the procession escorted the three Master Monks, seven Witness Monks and 10 Etiquette Monks back into the hall. I seized an opportunity and tried to follow them into the hall, but a functionary walked up to me and "drove" me out not caring what reason I gave.

Most interestingly, when they later learned I had come especially to report on their religious meeting, I was invited as a guest to a lunchtime banquet! Just as I sat down by a table, the person in

charge of hosting the visitors approached me. I raised my head and found that the person before me was none other than the functionary who had "driven" me out of the hall. Both he and I were thrown into embarrassment. He took the initiative to make an apology to me, and I also apologized to him for having taken photos without asking for permission.

The last item of the com-

pletion ceremony was to have a group photo taken. The 500 new followers of Buddhism stood in rows on a makeshift platform, and because they were too many, it took nearly one hour to arrange them to the satisfaction of the photographer. Then they went to ask the several prominent elder monks to join them (there are 12 such prominent elder monks in China, and four of them were present on this occasion. They were all around 90 years old).

The new generation of Buddhist believers were quite different from the monks I had imagined, who I thought only knew how to live a secluded life, burn joss sticks, chant scriptures and worship Buddha and who seldom had contact with the outside world, say little and ordinarily don't smile or laugh. But these were young, lively, always cheerful and had a strong sense of modern life. In the course of waiting for the arrival of the prominent elder monks, many of them





1. New monks wait to be arranged for the group photo.

2. A young monk leaves the formation to observe the scene through his binoculars.

3. Chanting scriptures before eating.

Thereafter it is very quiet in the dining hall.

4. Prominent elder monks wait to take a seat.

took out their cameras to have their photos taken to mark the occasion. One youngster even walked out of the formation to join the crowd of onlookers and watched the lively scene and the master monks through binoculars.

After taking the group photo, the 500 new monks went into the dining hall and sat in neat rows to eat their meal. They chanted scriptures first and then began to eat. They ate very simple food served to them by special monks and were not allowed to pick and choose. While they ate, it was extremely quiet throughout the entire dining hall.

After the meal, I went especially to interview Master Hai Shan, the first Etiquette Monk at the religious meeting who was responsible for most of the affairs. He told me that the number of people initiated into monkhood at this meeting was the largest in history, totaling 514. The number of people allowed was limited, among the 514 people, over 70 had not got the Sila Book at that moment although they had already been initiated into monkhood. I was surprised

to find that among the new monks there were 20 college students and 50 high school students. This showed that the cultural level of monks was increasing. The meeting lasted for 30 days, 10 days for *Sramanera*, 10 days for *Bhiksu* and eight days for *Brahmajala Sutra*.

Then Master Hai Shan told me about the main principles of the three Sila. When he came to the topic of self-cultivation in *Sramanera*, he turned his eyes to the camera over my shoulder and cited it as an example: "The internal cause of human beings is like the film in your camera," he said. "When the film is put in the camera, the objects of the outside world are reflected onto the film through the external cause – the camera's focus and light. If we follow good people, we learn good things and gradually become good people ourselves. Otherwise...."

I greatly admired Master Hai Shan for his command of knowledge and eloquence.

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Photos & Article by Huang Yanhong



A Winter Trip to **Kanas Lake**

In winter the only means of transport to Kanas Lake is by snow sleigh (by Sun Jiabin).



The lake had completely frozen over and the land and woods around the lake were all clad in snow. It was extremely quiet.

At this time of year, it took us four days on sleigh to cover the 140-kilometre journey.



Tourist Route to Kanas Lake



Until this trip I had seen Kanas Lake in Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region during colourful spring, lush summer and golden autumn, but never in snowy winter.

So in January, a group of seven photography enthusiasts, including myself, set out on a winter trip to Kanas.

We boarded a long-distance bus in Ürümqi, capital city of Xinjiang, and after two days of bumpy driving, across 700 kilometres of snow, we arrived at Habahe County in the Altay region, the nearest county town to Kanas Lake.

SLEIGH RIDE

The journey onward became more difficult. The mountain path leading to Kanas Lake is completely covered by snow from November to May, making it completely inaccessible to vehicles. The herdsmen who live here start to gather food and other daily necessities as soon as autumn sets in to ensure they have enough supplies to last them through winter. Once the snow cuts off transportation, people rely entirely on horse-drawn sleighs. Therefore, we rented five sleighs in the county town of Habahe. One of the sleighs carried all our food, strong liquor and thick sleeping bags. We

were all wrapped up in thick eiderdown clothes on top of which we also put a sheepskin army overcoat and wool felt boots on our feet. With this outfit we looked just like an expedition team about to set off for the North Pole!

We left the town and got under way to the snow-covered mountain. Stopping only sporadically we spent nearly 10 hours on the road each day. When evening came, we spent the night either in the homes of herdsmen or in army stations. The snow was so thick that even our drivers could not tell where exactly the mountain path went. Often the whole sleigh and its passengers would fall over as we crashed into snow pits. As we climbed out of the pits, completely covered with snow, we looked like snowmen. At this point, we would look at each other and burst out laughing.

1. The evening glow tinges the snow-covered peaks red (by Ma Zhongyuan).
2. Snow sleigh carrying food and sleeping bags (by Yan Xian)
3. Children of the Kazak ethnic group (by Sun Jiabin)





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The distance between Habahe County town and Kanas Lake is about 140 kilometres. During fine seasons this distance can be covered by vehicles within one day, despite the bumpy road with its twists and turns. At this time of year, however, it took us four days to complete the journey.

THICK ICE

We finally found ourselves standing at Kanas Lake. The lake had completely frozen over and the ice was so thick it was accessible to 10-ton trucks! The land, hills and woods around the lake were all wrapped in snow and it was extremely quiet. We felt as though we were on the moon. At the lake surface joining the Kanas River, we saw the only flowing water as it gurgled into the valley. At long last, I had seen Kanas Lake in winter.

KANAS VILLAGE

Not far from the lake, Kanas Village is home to herdsmen of the Mongolian ethnic group. The sheep and oxen kept by each family had been driven to winter

pastures by the able-bodied men. Staying behind in the village were only the old people, women and children. Surprised to see us arriving in their village, the women and children stood around us and just stared. The reason for their surprise was simple: during the long winter, they rarely have any visitors. The villagers turned out to be very hospitable as they warmly invited us into their homes to eat and sleep. We got out the canned food and liquor we had brought along and shared it with the old folk, eating and drinking together. We did not go to bed until very late in the night by which time we were all pretty drowsy from the liquor.

It happened to be the time of their Spring Festival when we arrived at the village. Some young and middle-aged herdsmen had returned from their winter pastureland to celebrate the festival.

SLEIGH COMPETITION

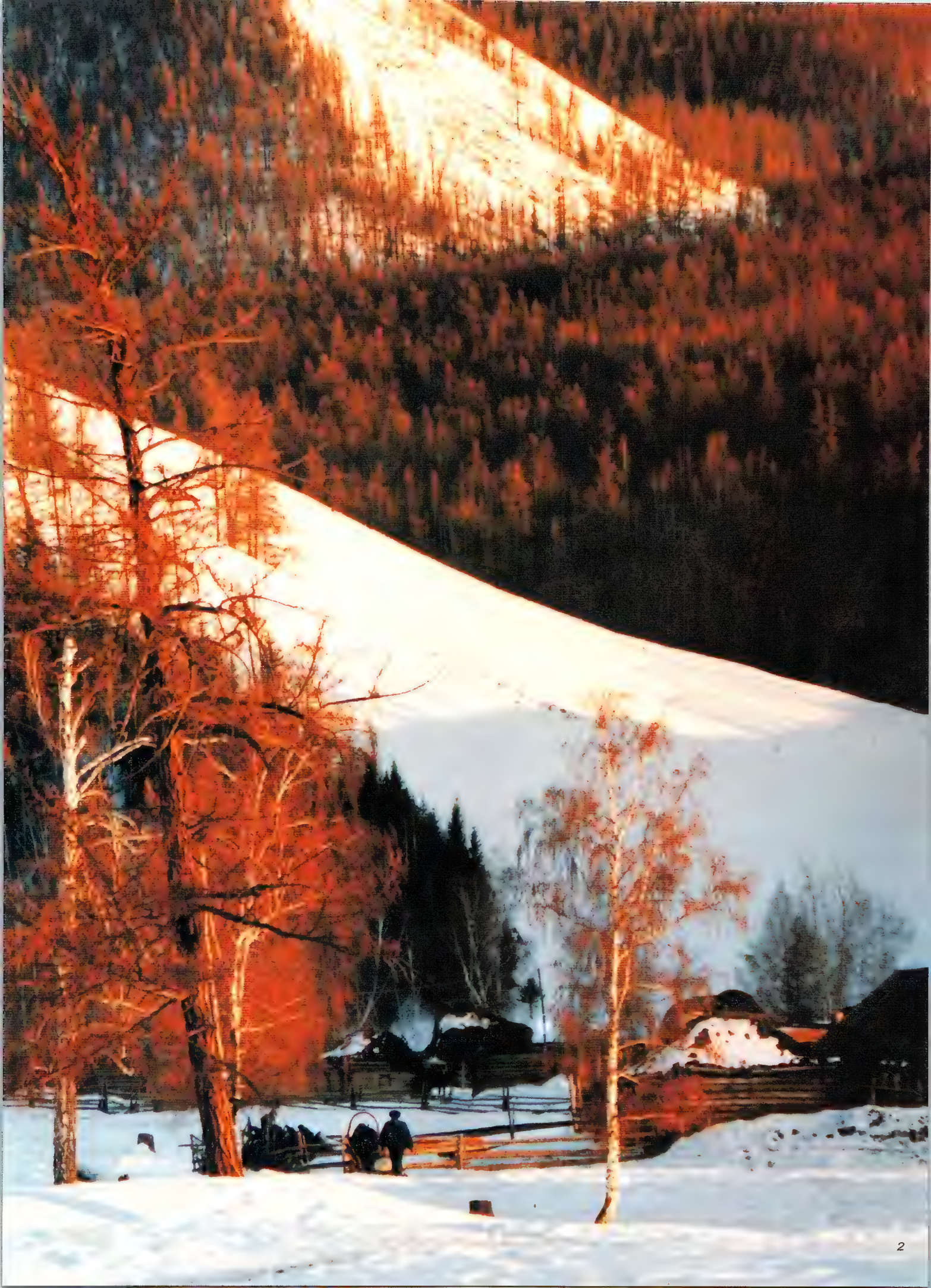
The holiday ceremony began. On a table standing in the open were piles of meat and dairy food. The eldest man in

the village took a cup of wine and poured it at the sky as a sacrifice to Heaven, begging the god for a brisk year for both their people and their animals. Then people began to take turns to drink from a huge bowl. When their spirits were lifted by the liquor, they sang songs. Afterwards, they had a hearty meal and then the horse racing and archery began on the snowy land. The most interesting event was the competition of horse-drawn sleighs, which churned up the snow and sent it flying backwards.

We spent two days in the village, then got on our sleighs and returned to the county town, back along the route by

1. Snow covered pasture – only a few livestock can be seen (by Ma Zhongyuan).

2. A Kazak village with log cabins, in one of which we stayed an unforgettable night (by Ma Zhongyuan)







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which we had come. By this time we had been on our trip for 10 days.

Weather

Although temperatures in the Altay region are very low in winter, the area around Kanas Lake is not terribly cold since the area is enclosed by mountains and rarely has any wind. The outside temperature hovers between -10 to -20°C.

Transport

For those wishing to see Kanas Lake in winter, there is a long-distance bus service between Ürümqi and Habahe County, but one has to rent snow sleighs to travel from the county town of Habahe to the



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1. Mongolians celebrate their Spring Festival with an archery competition (by Sun Jiabin).

2. For children winter brings the joy of skating (by Sun Jiabin).

3. Migration to winter pasture (by Ma Zhongyuan)

4. The rolling clouds in winter produce a fantastic sight (by Ma Zhongyuan).

lakeside. To obtain a reasonable price visitors are advised to contact the county government for a driver and sleigh.

Clothing, Food and Accommodation

Visitors are advised to take a full supply of food, daily utensils, thick warm

clothes and sleeping bags. As mentioned, there are no hotels en route, one can only spend the nights in herdsmen's homes or in army stations.

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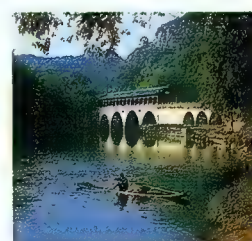
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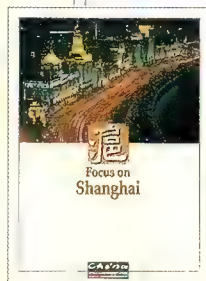


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The Naiveté of Childhood

Everyone has a carefree, innocent childhood; so pure, naive and curious about everything. Always filled with fantastic notions, they dare to say or to do anything they wish.

However, when childhood has become a thing of the past, many who treasure their days of innocence and naiveness, love to focus their lens on the world of children. The moment they start on a journey, they try to retrace their childhood days.

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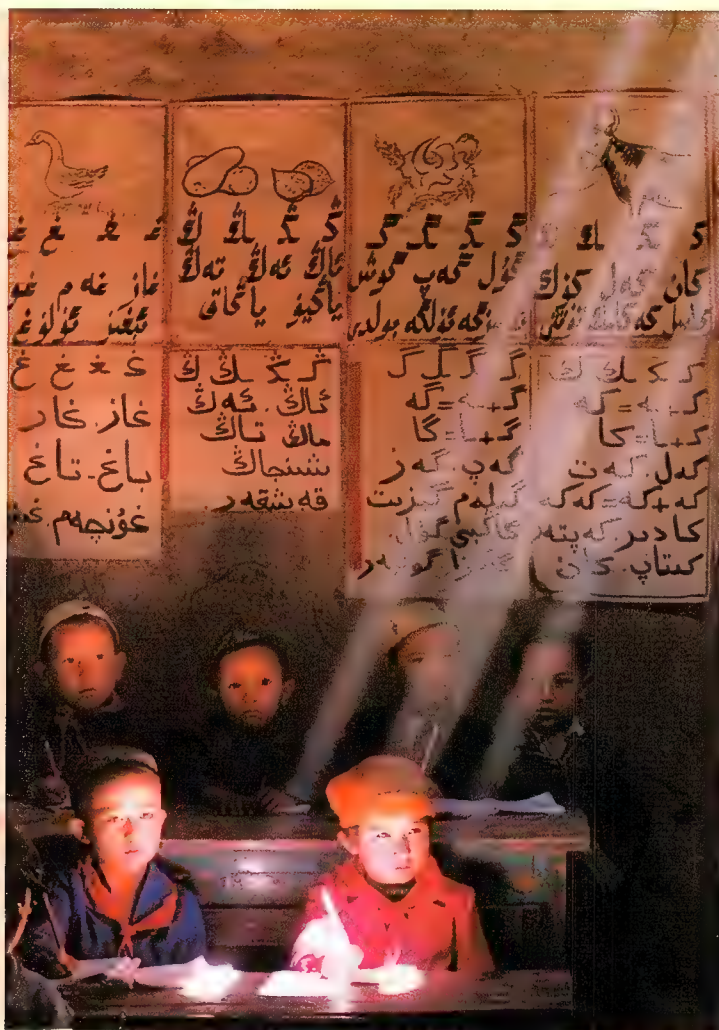
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SHELL PLAIT PENDANT

(Tibet) Photo by Zeng Qingmin

Something new – this Tibetan boy and the small shell plait pendant on his head has drawn the attention of a tourist. Used as ornaments by the Tibetans for thousands of years, shells once served as currency in Tibet. This one on the boy's plait was probably one of his family's heirlooms handed down from his remote ancestors.



PUPILS AT A BORDER VILLAGE

(Yengisar, Xinjiang) Photo by Yang Feng

Never having been in a nursery these children, brought up in the borderlands of China's northwest, frolicked in the fields until they were six or seven. Suddenly, one day, their parents send them off to school; they feel both excited and nervous, because everything strikes them as new. Although feeling restrained in this different situation, they have many new friends, as well as those awesome and respectful teachers!



INNOCENT PLAYMATES

(Baoji, Shaanxi) Photo by Tao Zhicheng

Children in Guanzhong, Shaanxi Province like this type of red clothing. They are in fact a kind of folk costume for festival performances. It is the Lantern Festival on the 15th day of the first lunar month. Just at the start of the Shehuo parade, these young boys and girls who are taking part in the parade hurry to relieve themselves together on the spot, without any shyness of the sexes.



FAST ASLEEP

(Wuchuan, Guizhou) Photo by Yang Yang

The Gelao and Miao women customarily carry their babies in baskets on their backs, whether they visit their relatives, go to market fairs or to work in the fields. Solid and decorative, the bamboo baskets are a piece of native folk art in themselves, the carrying straps having been exquisitely plaited by the mothers. Feeling the rhythm of his mother's springy steps, the baby in the basket is as snug as a bug in a rug.



A WONDERFUL TIME

(Pinghu, Zhejiang)

Photo by Yu Zhongqi

Children living south of the Yangtse River are blessed with water games. Young as they are, they have trained themselves to be as nimble as fish in the rivers and lakes at both ends of their villages. Swimming is no longer thrilling so for new excitement they try their hands at the dugout canoe which their fathers and elder brothers use for boat race festivals....

BIG, SWEET WATERMELONS

(Zhanjiang, Guangdong) Photo by Ye Yiji

Sitting stark naked on a pile of watermelons, this once-in-a-lifetime little "melon monarch" can taste any one he chooses from this huge pile of fruit.



A HAPPY DRUMMER (Qishan, Shaanxi) Photo by Yao Zhichuan

This boy is smaller than the drum and the set of drumsticks he is wielding are thicker than his arms. Nevertheless, boys in this area learn how to beat drums and gongs from early childhood. The drum had been stored away for nearly a year. His father has just rid it of the moisture which had accumulated on the drumhead over a fire. Now dry and taut, the drum resounds, booming loudly and vibrating.

"Hey, what do you say? Do I match up to my dad?"

A TEAM BAND IN A DONG VILLAGE

(Gao'an Township, Sanjiang, Guangxi)

Photo by Yang Changyuan

Are these Lusheng reed pipes and the long, thick Mang pipes really for children aged eight or nine? Indeed! Playing the Mang and Lusheng reed pipes is an obligatory lesson for all males in Dong villages. A good player of these instruments is not only respected by the villagers but will also find it easy to win the girls' hearts. However, made in a peculiar way, these pipes need sufficient strength to be able to play, and it is no easy matter to master the scales and rules of rhyming. No wonder that as soon as their classes are over, these children lose no time to practise them, straining every muscle. Too big and heavy for these young trainees, they have to place one end of the pipe on the ground to save strength....



MOTHER VISITING HER MATERNAL HOME

(Linyi, Shandong) Photo by Qiao Xiaolian

After the autumn harvest, the mother visits her maternal home carrying her baby with her. Unaware of the long distance along a rugged mountain path or the laughing of passersby, he leans on his mother's shoulder and falls fast asleep, totally at ease.



"PEEPING TOMS"

(Shantou, Guangdong) Photo by Wu Dapeng

Everybody has a sense of curiosity, especially children! They can peep into any house casually and "unscrupulously". Yielding to their curiosity these two innocent children peep through a bamboo curtain, eager to find out what's going on inside.

Gulongpo Fair *on* Damiao Mountain in Guangxi



Damiao Mountain, also known as Yuanbao Mountain rising 2,000 metres above sea level, is the third highest mountain in Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region. With a population of 420,000, of which 38 per cent are Miaos, this county has been "home to numerous festivals".

IN MEMORY OF HEROES

The most important festival in the county is naturally the Gulongpo Fair. Legend has it that the fair originated over 100 years ago from a ceremony held in memory of the martyrs who died during the wars and gradually it has evolved into a popular festival. Gulongpo is also the name of a large mound on the hillside of Yuanbao Mountain by the Lower Xiangfenxiang River, 34 kilometres north of the county town. Each year, on the 16th day of the first and eighth lunar months, the Miaos living in the mountain villages nearby gather on this site for a joyful celebration.

LIFE CLOSELY CONNECTED WITH LUSHENG PIPES

The customs and folklore of the Miaos on Damiao Mountain are closely connected with the musical instruments called Lusheng pipes. Contests, dances, horse fights, horse races, thrush fights and mountain ballads are all carried out with Lusheng pipes or to the accompaniment of them.

On the day of the Gulongpo Fair, tens of thousands of national minorities living in the surrounding areas flock to the mound. A Lusheng pole is erected as a symbol for each of their villages

and a riotous round of firecrackers and firelocks announces the opening of the fair.

The playing of Lusheng pipes has become an important aspect of any celebration. Usually there are over a dozen Lusheng teams taking part at the fair. Every team consists of 30 to 40 performers, who stand around the high Lusheng pole with either a large Lusheng Pipe, Mother Lusheng Pipe or Mangtong Lusheng Pipe as the centrepiece. Surrounding the pole are two circles of performers. The inner ring is formed by young men playing the pipes and dancing gaily, in the



outer ring colourfully dressed girls dance and sing.

The girls' festive costumes are adorned with a variety of glittering silver ornaments. In Rongshui the Miao girls like to make their own azurite cloth for their costumes. To make the cloth it has to go through several

processes. It is woven, dyed, washed and sun-dried five times, and then polished twice with egg white and finally beaten smooth with a wooden hammer on a stone slab. Made in this way, the cloth is smooth, tough and shiny, hence its name of Shining Cloth. The silver ornaments worn include horns, flowers, hair

clips and pins, ear pendants, neckrings, necklaces and all kinds of small silver pieces weighing several kilograms in all!

STALLIONS AND THRUSHES

The horse fight held at the Gulongpo Fair is another amazing sight. The young men in the Miao region are fond of raising at least one dwarf horse. The horse is reared on the ground floor of their wooden house, carefully fed and nurtured for the sole purpose of competing in a horse fight at the fair.

On the day of the fight the owners take their horses into the fighting ring, a mare is then brought into the ring to arouse the jealousy of the two




1. A typical Miao girl at the fair (by Zhang Yan)
2. Miao women choosing silver ornaments (by Zhang Yan)
3. The grand spectacle of the Lusheng Dance (by Zhang Yan)
4. Gulongpo Fair offers young men and women a good opportunity to date (by Zhang Xiaolin).
5. Despite the deafening sound produced by the Lusheng pipes, this boy has fallen asleep (by Zhang Yan).

stallions. Provoked, the stallions jump, kick and bite each other until one of them succeeds in chasing away its rival. The winner turns back to parade gallantly with the mare.

A legend exists to tell the tale that tells of why the Miaos are so fond of horse fighting. Over 500 years ago Miao girls often fell in love with gallant horse rearers. On the occasion when several young men had fallen in love with one girl, the king would personally organize a horse fight to decide who would be the husband of that girl. Hundreds of years later the horse fight, once held to decide upon a marriage, has evolved into a festive activity.

Horse fighting is for the young men; the older men have bird fights. For a long time the Miaos have raised thrushes for their song and to watch them fight. The basic technique in the bird fight is the skill to select a champion bird. They believe that a bird with watery eyes and white legs will win nine times out of 10, and one with a broad chest and more grey down will fight

through to the end even if all its down is torn off during the fight. The winners of the bird fights receive an award; plus they can sell their victorious birds on the spot, thus gaining both fame and fortune! 

The Gulongpo Fair lasts from morning till midnight. In the evening, all the wooden houses in the villages nearby are filled with gaiety. Young men and girls are in high spirits from the excitement of the day. They sit around flaming braziers, singing ballads, teasing each other, and laughing and joking to their hearts' content....

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Article by Yang Xiaosu



1. A Miao woman from Xiangfenxiang dressed in her festive costume (by Zhang Xiaolin)

2. The life of the Miaos is closely linked with Lusheng pipes (by Zhang Xiaolin).



CREATIONS THAT FOLLOW NATURE

Chen Yan's Tree-Root Carvings

One day, during a visit to a friend's courtyard, Mr. Chen Yan saw a discarded tree root lying in the dust. He picked it up and studied it carefully. His eyes shone, it seemed he had made a rare discovery. His friend gave the root to him. With a little work, he managed to turn the tree-root into a very imaginative, lively "monkey". This carving later won a prize at a national tree-root carving exhibition, a result which his friend never expected.

A college teacher in Fuzhou University, Mr. Chen is fascinated by this art. Following the natural line and shape of the piece, with a little knifing here and there, he creates lively and tasteful sculptures; his creations entitled "Grass", "Buddha's Hand" and "Rich Fruit" are fine examples of his work.

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Combing Victoria Peak *with Five Different Routes*

During the first half of the 20th century, there were approximately eight to ten scenes for which Hong Kong was so famous that they became the constant subject of local prose and poetry.

This century still has a few years to go, but most of those scenes have disappeared forever. Except, the view from the top of Victoria Peak which displays the dazzling, bright lights of the city. In fact, quite the opposite has happened, countless construction in the territory has turned it into an even more magnificent sight at night, one of the best of Hong Kong.

A trip to the top of Victoria Peak for a bird's-eye view of Victoria Harbour is a definite item on every tourist's itinerary and one with which all Hong Kong people are familiar. However, almost everyone who goes to the peak visits the usual spots like the Peak Galleria, the Lion Pavilion, or walks the flat circular route or goes to the Victoria Peak Garden and believes that is all there is to their peak excursion.

If you really think so too, can you answer the following questions? Where is the residence of Anson Chan, Hong



Kong Government's Chief Secretary? Or, where is the residence of Sir Ho Tung, the first Chinese tycoon permitted to build his villa on the peak? Well, if you fail to answer both these questions, then you can't really claim to know the peak very well. Also, have you thought about which routes you can take by car, or which nice, quiet path you can take to walk down the hill?

In the following pages we have suggestions for five routes up and down the peak. After trying all of them during five weekends, you can then say you know how to get around the area!

THE RED ROUTE:

Circular Route – Old Peak Road

The circular path around the peak is one most people are familiar with. It starts from the Peak Tower, currently under construction, going anti-clockwise along Lugard Road, then onto Harlech Road and back to the Peak Tower. Somewhere in the middle of Lugard Road look out for two rocks which resemble a pig's mouth and a tortoise. At the junction of Lugard and Harlech Road is a stone monument erected by a British commander to commemorate a British naval

force killed in 1917 by German torpedoes near South Africa while on their way to Hong Kong. Back at the Peak Tower, leading down one side of Lugard Road is Old Peak Road: at first secluded and shady, it then passes Dynasty Court down to the Hong Kong Zoological and Botanical Gardens.

Time needed: circular route – 1 hr 15 mins; Old Peak Road – 20 mins

THE GREEN ROUTE:

Victoria Peak Garden – Hatton Road

We start again from the Peak Tower, this time proceeding along Mt. Austin Road which leads to the Peak Garden covering a large area and crisscrossed by the Governor's Walk. There is a terrace at its western edge where the positions of several areas are marked out. When you decide to leave the garden, the way down is via the Governor's Walk south of the terrace, turn west downhill, then on reaching the junction between Lugard and Harlech, turn onto Hatton Road. Pass Fortress Hill arriving in Kotewall Road. Along the lower half of Hatton Road, soon after Fortress Hill and Lung Fu Shan (Hill Above Belcher's), is a boundary stone engraved with the words "City Boundary 1903". You have to look

out for this historical monument if you want to see it.

Time needed: Peak Tower to Peak Garden – 45 mins; Peak Garden to Kotewall Road – 40 mins

Transport: To return to Central take bus No. 13 in Kotewall Road (in front of the residence of Hong Kong University's Vice Chancellor) to the Star Ferry, or take the minibus No. 3 or 3A to Tamar (next to the Star Ferry)

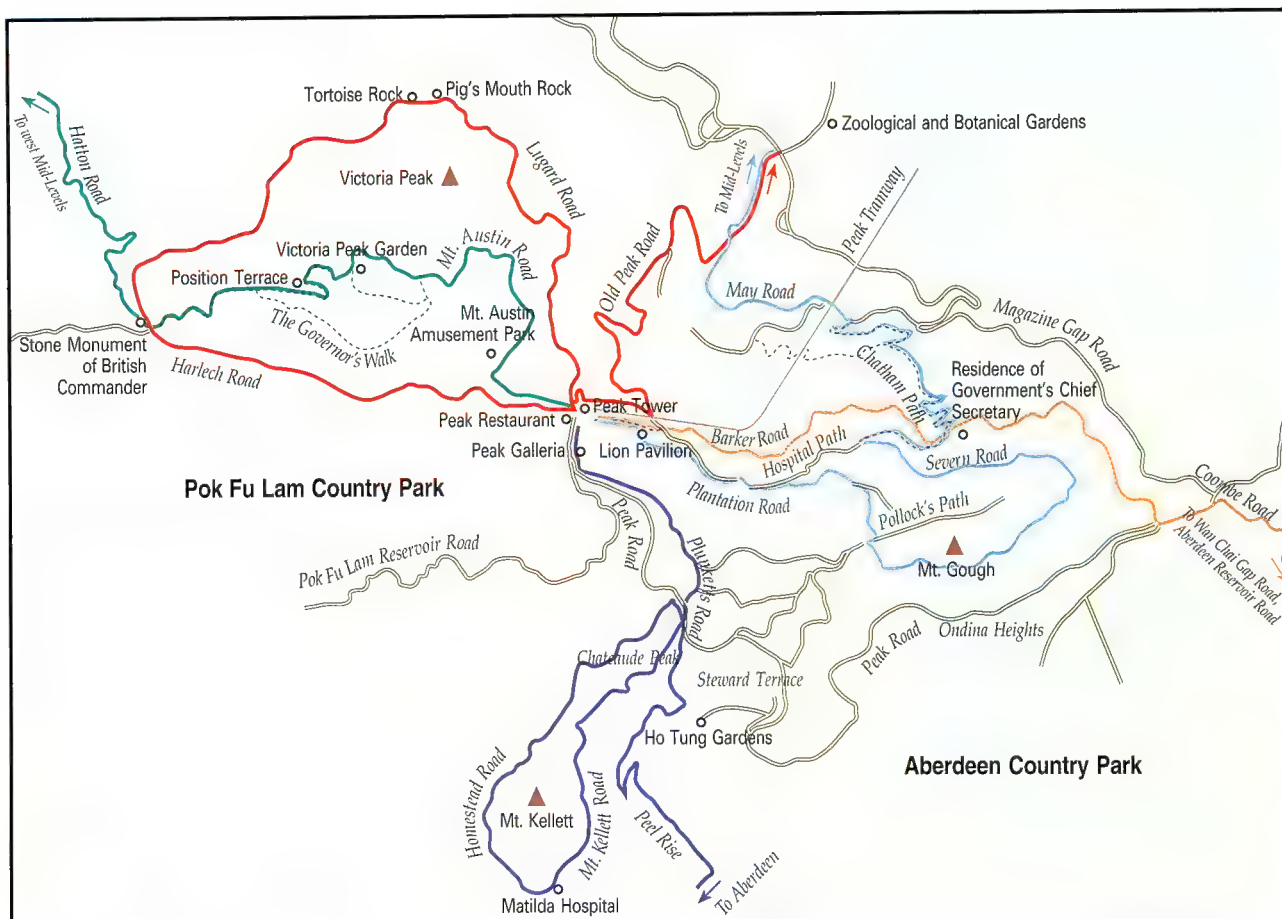
THE BLUE ROUTE:

Mount Gough Villas – Chatham Path

The famous Lion Pavilion is only a few minutes' walk east along Findlay Road from the Peak Galleria. Most people automatically turn back when they have admired the view for long enough. Actually, further east lie a number of luxurious villas which are the homes of tycoons, senior government officials and ambassadors. The idea is not to go straight downhill but to take a few twists and

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1. The brilliantly-lit "Pearl of the Orient" is among the most dazzling city night scenes in the world.
 - 2, 3. The Victoria Peak Garden
 4. The Lion Pavilion is the most popular viewing spot on the peak (by Shi Bao Xiu).





turns in order to see more villas and some of the area's deluxe apartment buildings. So from Lion Pavilion we go east along Findlay Road and onto Plantation Road, then Severn Road, Barker Road and descend along Chatham Path after going past Victoria House, the residence of the Chief Secretary. Then follow May Road and Old Peak Road down to Central. Some of the island's most famous and luxurious apartment blocks stand along the May Road – Old Peak

Road section: Century Tower, May Tower, Grenville House, Tregunter Tower, Dynasty Court and Queen's Garden.

Time needed: Lion Pavilion to Chatham Path – 45 mins (if walking briskly); Chatham Path to Hong Kong Zoological and Botanical Gardens – 30 mins

THE PURPLE ROUTE: Mt. Kellett Road – Peel Rise

Starting from Peak Galleria, turn southwards along Plunketts Road. At the

end you can see Mt. Kellett Road and Homestead Road on the other side of the Peak Road. The two join to encircle Mt. Kellett, at the southern end of which is perched the Matilda Hospital. This is a beautiful example of European architecture which occupies an extensive area and looks out onto the south side of Hong Kong Island. Looking east from Mt. Kellett one sees a cluster of villas on Mt. Gough. At a slightly lower altitude is a huge group of sprawling buildings

marked by a pagoda. This is Ho Tung Gardens. A decade ago the Peak was a very exclusive area and only expatriates were allowed to live there. Ho Tung was the first Chinese person permitted to build his house there. A small path called Peel Rise leads from Mt. Kellett Road and snakes its way down to the town centre of Aberdeen.

Time needed: Peak Galleria around Mt. Kellett to Peel Rise – 45 mins; Peel Rise to Aberdeen – 40 mins

THE ORANGE ROUTE:

Barker Road – Coombe Road – Wan Chai Gap Road

This route starts the same way as the Blue Route, but just before Lion Pavilion

there is a small path on the left-hand side that leads to Plantation Road. Turn left onto Barker Road and go east. Half way along there is a clear view of Victoria House, the residence of the Chief Secretary. Continue going east after turning into Peak Road, then take Coombe Road and Wan Chai Gap Road which leads into Wan Chai. Situated at 22 Barker Road is the residence of the Belgium consul which has lately attracted quite a lot of media attention, mainly because the house was broken into twice during the past year by illegal immigrants. The U.S. Ambassador also lives nearby, at the junction between Barker and Peak Roads. At the end of Coombe Road is the Police Museum which is worth a visit. Tucked away in one corner is a private road leading to 1 Peak Road, the home of Louis Cha, former owner of one of Hong Kong's best Chinese newspapers, the Ming Pao Daily.

Time needed: Peak Galleria to Wan Chai – 15 mins

Transport: Peak tram terminus on Garden Road, Central (every 15 mins during peak times); bus No. 15 from Exchange Square, Central to the Peak; bus No. 15B from Causeway Bay to the Peak (only on Sundays and public holidays); minibus No. 1 from Tamar, Central to the Peak (via Mt. Kellett Road)

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Photos & Article by Ng Kwok Cheong*

1. The majestic Maltida Hospital overlooks the southern region of the island.
2. From Mt. Kellett Road, one can see the Ho Tung Gardens, especially its white pagoda
3. Situated at 15 Barker Road is the residence of the Chief Secretary.
4. Wan Chai as seen from Plantation Road
5. The home of the Belgian Ambassador which has been twice broken into this year



The Dwarfs Village

About 60 years ago a strange disease — still unknown today — assaulted a small village of just 100 inhabitants. It left quite a number of people dwarfed and the place became known as “dwarfs village”. Presently, over half of the dwarfs have died with only a dozen or more still alive.

Accompanied by the brigade leader, Mr. Chen Guangbi, we visited some of the survivors in Mingyangsi Village in Zizhong County, Sichuan Province.

Liu Qiaoyun, 65, a simple and honest country woman just 1.2 metre high, probably only two-thirds the normal height, has a heart as kind as anyone. During the 60's she adopted an infant girl from an extremely poor family and raised her. Just imagine the hardship to a handicapped person in doing so! Today, in a newly built house, she has a very happy family, her daughter works on a farm and the son-in-law in a food factory.

Chen Zimu, about 70, is just 1.1 metre high. Not so long ago the village sent him to the old people's home. But he stayed there just a very short time and returned. He has trouble walking, he told us, and couldn't handle the toilet in the home!

Chen Shuixian, 68, had just returned from the old people's home for medical treatment. She said her niece Chen Qiong looked after and financially



1. The dwarfs in their village
2. They make their living by producing bamboo-slip products, embroidering and diagnosing diseases.
3. Their children are normal in height and healthy.

supported her. Chen's father, also a dwarf, was running a cigarette business in Chengdu. All of his six children are normal.

Chen Zigui, 52, only 83 centimetres

tall, is the shortest in the village. He is the liveliest person among all the handicapped, for he has toured almost half the country. As he was less than one metre high, he travelled free on buses and trains and was often kindly carried on and off the carriages by conductors. However, two years ago, his elder sister, also a dwarf, the only family member he had, suddenly became paralyzed and bed-ridden. In order to look after her, he sadly had to give up his hobby.

We visited the old people's home in town. The 10 dwarfs inside were all from the village. We met six of them. Their life was far from affluent, but they were warm people and maintained a sense of humour. Though they were short, Mr. Chen told us, they had made their own living when they were young, either by working in fields, making bamboo-slip products, embroidering or diagnosing diseases. During the mid 60's and early 70's, these dwarfs worked during the day and in the evening did voluntary work, earning much respect for their village. They also put together a small theatrical troupe to entertain themselves and other villagers. Their performances had been much welcomed by visitors. Unfortunately that many of the theatrical talents among them have since died.

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TOURIST INFORMATION

New Wildlife Park

China's largest zoo was inaugurated at the end of last year with 3,000 wild animals living in areas similar to their natural habitat. Located in Nanhui County, 40 kilometres southeast of Shanghai, the 153-hectare zoo includes 80 species of wildlife, such as the giant panda, golden monkey, South China tiger, kangaroo, flamingo and cheetah. It is the third wildlife park of its kind in China, the other two being located in Shenzhen, Guangdong and Qinhuangdao, Hebei.

Lest They Forget

A park designed to depict the arduous trek during the famous Long March of the Red Army during the Chinese revolution, will be built in the Chinese capital soon. The Long March Park is to be located in southwestern Beijing and is to cover an area of 100 hectares, and will show major military and political events of the Long March which took place from October 1934 to October 1935 and involved climbing snowy mountains and grasslands.

Guangdong's City of History

The "City of Chinese History" will be constructed in the coastal area of Conghua, Guangdong Province. The city is meant to present scenes of the origins of the Chinese nation, its evolution and development over the last millennia and also the story of China's current programme of reform and opening up.

The whole city will cover 500 hectares and need nearly 1 billion yuan in capital investment. It is scheduled for completion in three to five years.

Natural Bridge

The world's highest karst natural bridge has been found in Jinpen Town, Liupanshui

City, Guizhou Province. The 135-metres high bridge was found by experts from the Chinese Academy of Sciences. The former record holder is a mere 66 metres high.

Walled City Park Opens in Hong Kong

Construction of the Kowloon Walled City Park in Hong Kong, the first authentic Chinese garden of southern Chinese style is under way. With an area of 3.1 hectares the project started in August 1994 and will be the largest garden of its kind outside of mainland China.

At a cost of US\$7.8 million most of the construction materials come from 10 Chinese provinces and municipalities. And over 110 specialized experts and skilled craftsmen from Beijing, Shanghai, Suzhou and Yangzhou have been working at the site.

Tourist Cable in Hunan

Tourist cablecars have been put into operation on scenic Mount Hengshan in central China's Hunan Province. The 472-metre high, 1,710-metre-long cableway is the largest south of the Yangtse River with the longest single span measuring 1,348 metres.

More Areas Open to Visitors

Another seven counties in inland China have opened up to foreigners, increasing China's open counties and cities to 1,194. Four out of the seven counties are in Anhui Province and the other three are in Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region. Any foreigner who holds a valid visa or residents permit can tour the open counties without applying for a travel certificate.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL DISCOVERIES

Relics Hospital

A Sino-Italian "hospital" for cultural relics opened at the Shaanxi History Museum in Xi'an recently. The Italian Government donated 4.8 billion liras and is expected to provide state-of-the-art equipment and train personnel for the centre, while China has invested more than US\$2 million. The centre will play a positive role in protecting and renovating China's historical relics.

Buried Treasure

Six tombs dating back to the Warring States Period (475-221 B.C.) and the Western Han Dynasty (206 B.C.-A.D.24) have been excavated in Changsha, the capital of central China's Hunan Province. The tombs, which have been well preserved, have produced more than 100 relics. In the Warring States tomb a glazed ring, copper sword and pottery have been unearthed and in the Western Han tomb, a jade screen, pottery and spoon.

AIRLINE UPDATES

Computerized Reservations

Under an agreement signed at the end of last year, China's computer flight reservations system is to be connected to the world's largest computerized distribution and reservations system for the travel industry. The Spanish-based system called Amadeus, will provide passengers with better information on the services offered by 25 Chinese airlines. Amadeus already services 35,000 travel agencies worldwide.

Standard Passenger Fees

As part of the government's drive to improve the management of airport construction funds China's Civil Aviation Administration plans to standardize its passenger fees, which range from 50-90 yuan (US\$6-10.70). Both Chinese and foreign travellers taking domestic flights will be charged 50 yuan (US\$6) while those taking international or regional flights will pay 90 yuan (US\$10.70). A portion of the latter charge will also be set aside for a tourism development fund.

Airport Investment in Yunnan

Mountainous Yunnan Province in south China has spent more than 900 million yuan (\$10.84m) in airport construction during the last five years and as a result has built four new airports in the cities of Jinghong in Xishuangbanna, Dehongmang, Lijiang and Dali. Of the eight airports in the province, the funds have helped to expand four of the old airports in Kunming, Zhaotong, Baoshan and Simao.

More Information for Holiday Resorts

Mazu – Goddess of the Sea (Meizhou Island, Fujian)

Shaped like a long, narrow eyebrow and measuring just 16 square kilometres Meizhou Island lies in Meizhou Bay and is the home of the first temple dedicated to Mazu, Goddess of the Sea, protector of all seafaring people. The island is scattered with palatial temples and towering above them all is the 14-metre granite statue of the goddess. People crowd to the temple to pay homage all year round, but the busiest day is the 23rd day of the third lunar month, Mazu's birthday. Every year, starting on the 15th day of that month, boats and ships decorated with coloured pennants and laden with pilgrims arrive at Meizhou from all directions. Puxian Opera is performed for three consecutive nights thereafter long lines of pilgrims carry burning incense vie with each other to reach the Tianhou Hall first with their offering

believing the first to arrive after midnight has a better chance of their prayers being answered. The best view of the island and its temples can be seen from the summit, Mount Meifeng.

The Mazu Temple on Meizhou Island (by Lai Xiaobing)



Qingdao – Angling Paradise (Shandong)

Qingdao is located on the southern coast of the Shandong Peninsula between the Huanghai (Yellow Sea) and Jiaozhou Bay. The latter, surrounded by land on three sides, stretches over an area of 500 square kilometres and is rich in marine life. Its fish, prawns, shrimps and shell fish are famed for their size and flavour. Just after the mid-Autumn Festival towards the end of September is the best time of year for fishing hence the reason why the International Angling Festival takes place at this time!

Kunming – The City of Perpetual Spring (Yunnan)

Kunming is situated in the Central Yunnan Basin between the Hengduan Range and the Eastern Yunnan Plateau. Northerly cold winds are blocked by the mountain ranges and warm continental air currents from north India constantly dominate the area so that in winter the city has plenty of sunshine and is not cold. In summer the city is cooled by humid air currents and abundant rainfall from the Bay of Bengal and the Beibu Gulf. A city blessed with a spring-like climate with an average temperature of 15 °C all year round Kunming is hence known as the City of Perpetual Spring.

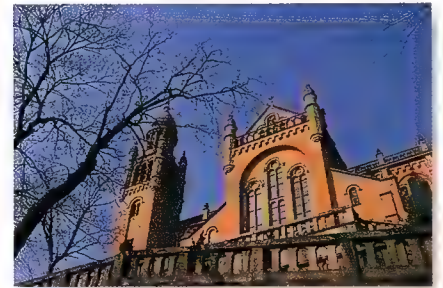
Stone Forest in Kunming (by Peng Zhen Ge)



Sheshan – Shanghai's Suburban Scenic Site

Situated in northern Songjiang County of Shanghai, Sheshan Hill is a wonderful scenic site with its dense forests and bamboo groves. "She" was surnamed after an ancient tribe living here, hence the name of the hill. The hill is not steep, but apart from its natural scenery, it attracts visitors for its Catholic Church dedicated to St. Mary, especially at the beginning and end of May and again on the 17th and 24th when people attend the Mass officiated over by the Bishop of Shanghai.

St. Mary Catholic Church at Sheshan, Shanghai (by Chen Haiwen)

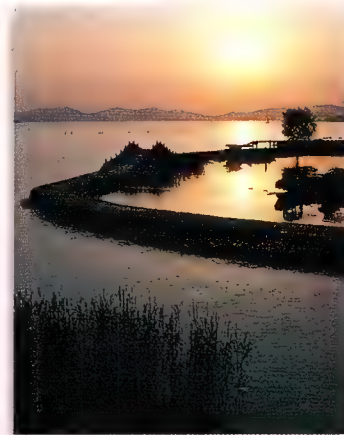


Taihu Lake – One of the Largest Lakes in China (Jiangsu and Zhejiang)

This fresh water lake lies in southern Jiangsu near its border with Zhejiang and is the fourth largest lake in China with an area of 2,425 square kilometres and a perimeter of 500 kilometres but on average is only 2 metres deep. There are some 90 islands of various sizes in the lake and grotesque rocks which have been submerged for decades

and when sufficiently weathered are prized for classical garden landscaping. On a clear, calm day it is said that one can see ancient streets submerged below the surface of the lake. On the shores are plantations of rice, tea with mulberry and citrus trees. To the northwest is a vast plain; the whole area is referred to as the "land of fish and rice" because of its fertile soil, mild climate, abundant rainfall and fish population.

Jiangsu's Taihu Lake at dusk (by Huang Jiufa)



Beihai – The Original Pearl of the Orient (Guangxi)

Lying on a peninsula in southern Guangxi, Beihai covers an area of 3,337 square kilometres with a population of 1.24 million. Famous for pearl diving off the coast of Beihai and Hepu, it has been an occupation here for more than 2,000 years. The pearls found here are particularly fine, smooth and hard and are said to be the best pearls. In Beibuwan Square, in the city proper, is a sculpture entitled "Southern Pearl Spirit", the symbol of Beihai City. In addition to Yintan Beach visitors are also attracted to Baihutou (White Tiger Head) Silver Beach. More than 20 kilometres long, it is said that it can hold as many as 100,000 people at any one time.

Flights to and from Ürümqi

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	2	19:30	23:30	XO9602
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	4 6	14:05	17:35	XO9103
Dalian — Ürümqi	1	16:10	22:55	XO9604
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Tacheng — Ürümqi	1 4	17:30	18:55	XO9926
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Tashkent — Ürümqi	3	12:05	16:25	XO714
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Tianjin — Ürümqi	4 7	13:55	18:15	XO9116
Ürümqi — Tianjin	4 7	09:25	13:05	XO9115
Wuhan — Ürümqi	3 7	07:45	12:20	CZ3997
		08:05	14:05	CZ3995
Ürümqi — Wuhan	3 7	13:00	17:00	CZ3998
		14:55	20:15	CZ3996
Xiamen — Ürümqi	2 5 7	16:45	23:50	XO9802
Ürümqi — Xiamen	2 5 7	09:15	16:00	XO9801
Xining — Ürümqi	1 6	11:00	13:25	SZ4905
		20:20	22:50	XO9308
Ürümqi — Xining	1 6	09:35	14:15	XO9307
		14:15	16:35	SZ4906
Yining — Ürümqi	1 3 5	12:45	14:30	XO9922
	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	18:05	19:50	XO9918
Ürümqi — Yining	1 3 5	10:20	12:15	XO9921
	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	15:30	17:35	XO9917
Zhengzhou — Ürümqi	2 6	13:00	17:20	CZ3977
	4	19:00	23:20	XO9514
Ürümqi — Zhengzhou	4	10:05	13:55	XO9513
	2 6	18:00	21:50	CZ3978

(Valid to March 30, 1996)

Average Climatic Conditions in Shanghai, Zhejiang, Yunnan, Hebei and Xinjiang

		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Shanghai	Temperature (°C)	3.5	4.6	8.3	14.0	18.8	23.3	27.8	27.7	23.6	18.0	12.3	6.2
	Rainfall (mm)	44.0	62.6	78.1	106.7	122.9	158.9	134.2	126.0	150.5	50.1	48.8	40.9
Zhejiang	Hangzhou	Temperature (°C)	3.8	5.1	9.3	15.4	20.2	24.3	28.0	23.3	17.7	12.1	6.3
		Rainfall (mm)	62.2	88.7	114.1	130.4	179.9	196.2	126.5	136.5	177.6	77.9	54.7
Yunnan	Kunming	Temperature (°C)	7.7	9.6	13.0	16.5	19.1	19.5	19.8	19.1	17.5	14.9	11.3
		Rainfall (mm)	11.6	11.2	15.2	21.1	93.0	183.7	212.3	202.2	119.5	85.0	38.6
Hebei	Shijiazhuang	Temperature (°C)	-2.9	-0.4	6.6	14.6	20.9	25.6	26.6	25.0	20.3	13.7	5.7
		Rainfall (mm)	3.2	7.8	11.4	25.7	33.1	49.3	139.0	168.5	58.9	31.7	17.0
Xinjiang	Altay	Temperature (°C)	-14.7	-13.0	-2.7	8.6	17.0	21.6	21.1	19.0	14.8	8.5	-2.7
		Rainfall (mm)	20.8	9.8	31.0	7.4	4.3	4.8	42.3	24.2	5.9	11.2	52.1
	Bole	Temperature (°C)	-13.6	-11.6	0.9	10.7	17.7	24.1	23.0	21.8	17.2	8.2	-1.3
		Rainfall (mm)	6.0	0.8	7.9	38.5	42.9	10.6	20.3	23.7	12.5	30.9	6.6
	Changji	Temperature (°C)	-13.7	-11.7	0.9	11.1	18.9	25.1	25.0	24.3	18.7	10.0	-0.9
		Rainfall (mm)	17.7	4.7	20.7	27.0	10.6	30.3	21.7	3.3	14.8	11.4	25.3
	Hami	Temperature (°C)	-12.2	-5.8	4.5	13.2	20.2	25.2	27.2	25.9	19.1	9.9	-0.6
		Rainfall (mm)	1.7	1.1	1.0	2.6	2.8	6.4	5.9	5.0	3.0	2.1	1.6
	Karamay	Temperature (°C)	-11.5	-9.9	2.8	12.8	20.6	28.6	26.8	25.8	20.7	11.1	-0.2
		Rainfall (mm)	2.2	1.9	8.3	8.4	51.1	1.0	61.5	15.3	16.7	6.9	10.6
	Shihezi	Temperature (°C)	-13.7	-11.9	1.8	11.8	19.1	25.5	25.2	23.7	18.5	9.5	-0.5
		Rainfall (mm)	27.3	5.6	12.8	25.5	31.3	19.6	21.6	4.4	1.5	14.8	40.3
	Tacheng	Temperature (°C)	-10.0	-8.5	0.5	9.9	17.3	22.9	21.6	20.8	17.4	8.8	-1.3
		Rainfall (mm)	25.2	10.8	41.4	12.5	32.0	19.3	82.7	23.1	0.4	45.0	53.5
	Turpan	Temperature (°C)	-9.5	-2.1	9.3	18.9	25.7	31.0	32.7	30.4	23.3	12.6	1.8
		Rainfall (mm)	1.5	0.3	1.4	0.4	0.5	3.3	2.3	3.0	1.0	1.1	0.4
	Ürümqi	Temperature (°C)	-15.2	-12.2	0.7	10.8	18.9	23.4	25.7	23.8	17.4	8.2	-2.6
		Rainfall (mm)	5.6	4.0	18.8	22.6	25.1	29.1	16.4	18.9	14.2	17.2	15.2
	Yining	Temperature (°C)	-8.8	-5.9	3.9	12.2	17.8	23.5	22.5	22.1	18.6	9.5	3.1
		Rainfall (mm)	23.0	9.1	37.4	22.8	21.2	5.6	35.7	21.1	4.1	46.1	49.1

Train Schedules Xi'an – Lanzhou – Ürümqi – Korla

243 F.T.	143 F.T.	Train Station	No.	144 F.T.	244 F.T.
	21:40	Xi'an	09:36		
	22:12	Xianyang	09:12		
	01:03	Baoji	06:05		
	04:30	Tianshui	01:17		
	08:22	Longxi	22:05		
11:35	13:16	Lanzhou	17:36	16:23	
14:13	15:56	Yongdeng	15:13	13:39	
16:54	18:19	Tianzhu	12:42	11:08	
19:34	21:10	Wuwei	09:58	08:03	
01:30	03:10	Zhangye	04:38	02:43	
02:47	04:27	Gaotai	02:37	00:42	
06:25	08:02	Jiayuguan	23:04	21:07	
09:54	11:22	Shulehe	18:53	16:47	
13:08	14:27	Liuyuan	16:02	13:51	
15:52	17:20	Weiya	12:54	11:00	
17:20	18:40	Yandun	11:03	09:03	
18:55	20:26	Hami	09:44	07:35	
00:23	01:59	Shanshan	04:26	01:22	
03:44	05:22	Turpan	01:24	22:07	
07:19	—	Ürümqi	—	18:26	
	12:30	Balguntay	17:51		
	14:03	Hejing	16:32		
	15:44	Korla	14:25		

F.T. – Fast through passenger train

Major Highways in Northern Xinjiang

Routes	Distance (km)	Main Stations
Burqin — Altay	110	—
Burqin — Fuyun	258	Beitun, Sarbulak
Ürümqi — Altay	778	Kuytun, Beitun, Burqin Fork
Ürümqi — Bole	524	Shihezi, Usu
Ürümqi — Burqin	686	Kuytun, Hoxtolgay
Ürümqi — Dushanzi	252	Shawan, Anjihai
Ürümqi — Karamay	389	Dushanzi Fork, Kuytun
Ürümqi — Kuytun	252	Hutubi, Shihezi
Ürümqi — Mori	268	Fukang, Jimsar, Qitai
Ürümqi — Shihezi	151	Changji, Hutubi, Shihezi
Ürümqi — Tacheng	626	Kuytun, Toli
Ürümqi — Tianchi	97	Tianchi Fork
Ürümqi — Yining	693	Usu, Jinghe, Huocheng
Yining — Gongliu	115	Yamat
Yining — Xinyuan	191	—

Train Schedules

Beijing — Jinan — Qingdao — Hefei — Nanjing West — Shanghai — Hangzhou

65 Exp.	63 Exp.	45 Exp.	31 Exp.	25 Exp.	Train Station No.	26 Exp.	32 Exp.	46 Exp.	64 Exp.	66 Exp.
18:30	15:05	10:40	17:14	00:58	Beijing	21:34	11:44	05:45	12:19	13:50
20:35	17:06	12:40	19:31	02:54	Tianjin West	19:51	09:52	04:04	10:34	11:56
23:41	20:11	—	22:36	05:48	Dezhou	16:56	06:20	—	07:28	09:00
01:40	22:10	12:27	00:35	—	Jinan South	—	04:23	23:29	05:31	06:59
06:31	02:57	21:54	05:40	—	Xuzhou	—	23:24	19:09	00:47	02:15
09:16	05:36	00:20	08:22	—	Bengbu	—	20:41	16:50	22:16	23:47
12:12	—	02:56	11:12	—	Nanjing	—	18:03	14:18	—	21:13
12:22	—	—	—	—	Nanjing West	—	—	—	—	20:46
	07:40	—	—	—	Hefei	—	—	—	19:55	
			14:10	—	Wuxi	—	15:10	11:46		
			16:11	—	Shanghai West	—	13:11	10:08		
			—	—	Shanghai	—	—			
			19:16	—	Hangzhou	—	09:45			
				08:15	Jinan East	15:10				
				11:28	Weifang	13:11				
				13:47	Qingdao	08:54				
		To Fuzhou						From Fuzhou		

Train Schedules

Shanghai — Hangzhou — Guangzhou

209 F.T.	49 Exp.	Train Station No.	50 Exp.	210 F.T.
	10:00	Shanghai	20:30	
09:20	—	Hangzhou	—	20:21
—	13:16	Hangzhou East	17:28	—
13:30	16:36	Jinhua	14:07	15:35
20:55	22:12	Yingtian	08:07	08:33
23:11	00:10	Xiangtang West	06:05	05:30
04:55	04:31	Pingxiang	01:34	00:11
07:14	06:20	Zhuzhou	23:49	22:16
09:32	08:25	Hengyang	21:40	19:55
15:10	13:36	Shaoguan	16:29	14:20
18:55	16:46	Guangzhou	13:06	10:20

Exp. — Express

Train Schedules

Beijing — Fengrun — Shenyang

237 F.T.	Train Station No.	238 F.T.
00:40	Beijing	22:55
01:28	Dachang	21:56
03:07	Fengrun	20:04
05:17	Qinhuangdao	17:28
08:16	Jinzhou	14:06
09:12	Goubanzi	12:50
11:15	Haicheng	10:29
11:48	Anshan	09:46
12:15	Liaoyang	09:15
13:12	Shenyang	07:50

Train Schedules

Beijing — Jinan — Nanjing — Shanghai

119 F.T.	123 F.T.	161 F.T.	21 Exp.	13 Exp.	Train Station No.	14 Exp.	22 Exp.	162 F.T.	124 F.T.	120 F.T.
17:14	09:00 (From Tianjin)	20:58	21:55	14:40	Beijing	09:03 (Next day)	12:56 (Next day)	16:20	07:22 (To Tianjin)	11:44
19:31	09:28	23:16	23:41	16:27	Tianjin West	07:25	11:18	14:10	06:59	09:52
22:54	13:12	02:56	—	—	Dezhou	—	—	10:49	03:47	06:20
01:04	15:21	05:05	03:44	20:29	Jinan South	03:30	07:23	08:42	01:30	04:21
02:09	16:28	06:12	—	—	Tai'an	—	—	07:32	00:17	03:12
03:23	17:43	07:27	—	—	Yanzhou	—	—	06:14	22:59	01:56
06:04	20:34	10:14	—	—	Xuzhou	—	—	03:41	20:46	23:25
08:48	23:18	12:51	09:40	02:28	Bengbu	21:22	01:15	00:35	18:08	20:40
12:27	02:34	15:53	—	—	Nanjing	—	—	21:49	15:15	17:45
13:25	03:32	16:50	—	—	Zhenjiang	—	—	20:39	14:00	16:36
15:11	05:26	18:42	—	—	Wuxi	—	—	18:54	12:20	14:55
15:50	06:18	19:22	—	—	Suzhou	—	—	18:15	11:40	14:16
17:05	—	—	—	—	Shanghai West	—	—	—	—	13:01
20:20 (To Hangzhou)	07:31	20:39	15:27 (Next day)	08:12 (Next day)	Shanghai	15:46	19:49	16:49	10:25	09:25 (From Hangzhou)

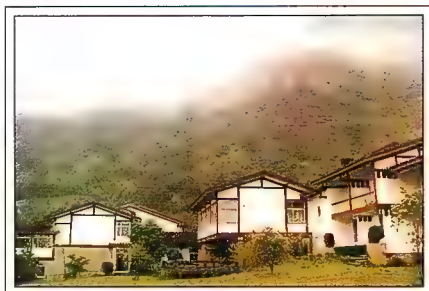
Executive Jottings

Major Hotels in Fujian, Guangzhou, Hainan and Shanghai

Wuyishan, Fujian

Wuyi Mountain Villa

武夷山莊



Wuyi Temple, Wuyishan, Fujian 354302
Tel: (05098) 52981 Fax: (05098) 52567
GM: Zhou Yongyu
126 rooms and suites
Located 7 km from airport, 80 km from railway station
Facilities: Chinese and Western restaurants, coffee shop, bar, karaoke, shopping arcade, business centre, clinic, beauty salon, billiards, massage, baby sitting, facilities for the handicapped

Xiamen, Fujian

East Ocean Hotel

東海大飯店

1 Zhongshan Road, Xiamen, Fujian 361001
Tel: (0592) 2021111 Fax: (0592) 2033264
GM: Zhuang Yongtong
112 rooms and suites
Located 12 km from airport, 4 km from railway station
Facilities: Chinese and Western restaurants, coffee shop, bar, conference rooms, exhibition hall, dance hall, disco, karaoke, shopping arcade, business centre, clinic, beauty salon, billiards, gym, massage, facilities for the handicapped

Jinbao Hotel

金寶酒店

124 Dongdu Road, Xiamen, Fujian 361012
Tel: (0592) 6013888 Fax: (0592) 6013122
GM: Wei Jinquan
100 rooms and suites
Located 7 km from airport, 8 km from railway station
Facilities: Chinese and Western restaurants, coffee shop, bar, conference rooms, dance hall, disco, karaoke, shopping arcade, business centre, clinic, beauty salon

Lujiang Hotel

綠江賓館

54 Lujiang Road, Xiamen, Fujian 361001
Tel: (0592) 2022922 Fax: (0592) 2024644
GM: Liu Aizhi
130 rooms and suites



Located 15 km from airport, 6 km from railway station
Facilities: Chinese and Western restaurants, coffee shop, bar, conference rooms, karaoke, business centre, clinic, beauty salon, gym, massage

Mandarin Hotel

悅華大酒店

The Foreigner's Residential Area, Huli, Xiamen, Fujian 361006
Tel: (0592) 6023333 Fax: (0592) 6021431
GM: Zhang Hongshu
229 rooms and suites
Located 6 km from airport, 10 km from railway station
Facilities: Chinese and Western restaurants, coffee shop, bar, conference rooms, exhibition hall, dance hall, disco, karaoke, shopping arcade, business centre, florist, clinic, beauty salon, sauna, billiards, gym, massage, bowling, swimming pool, tennis courts, facilities for the handicapped

Overseas Chinese Mansion

華僑大廈

70-74 Xinhua Road, Xiamen, Fujian 361003
Tel: (0592) 2025602 Fax: (0592) 2038236
GM: Zhang Guoqiang
237 rooms and suites
Located 13 km from airport, 4.5 km from railway station
Facilities: Chinese and Western restaurants, coffee shop, bar, conference rooms, dance hall, disco, karaoke, shopping arcade, business centre, clinic, beauty salon, sauna, billiards, gym, massage, baby sitting, steam bath

Singapore Hotel

新加坡酒店

113 Xi'an Road, Xiamen, Fujian 361003
Tel: (0592) 2026668 Fax: (0592) 2025950
GM: Su Ri Li
121 rooms and suites
Located 12 km from airport, 3 km from railway station
Facilities: Chinese and Western restaurants, coffee shop, bar, conference rooms, dance hall, karaoke, business centre, clinic, beauty salon, gym, massage, baby sitting

Xiamen Plaza

東南亞大酒店



908 Xiahe Road, Xiamen, Fujian 361004
Tel: (0592) 558888 Telex: 93081 XMXPH CN
Fax: (0592) 558877
Open 8 January 1991
287 rooms and suites

Located 9 km from airport
Facilities: Chinese and Western restaurants, bar, dance hall, karaoke, business centre, clinic, beauty salon, sauna, gym, massage, swimming pool

Xinqiao Hotel

新橋酒店



444 Zhongshan Road, Xiamen, Fujian 361003
Tel: (0592) 2038883 Fax: (0592) 2038765
GM: Ke Jingchang
99 rooms and suites
Located 13 km from airport, 4 km from railway station
Facilities: Chinese and Western restaurants, coffee shop, bar, conference rooms, dance hall, disco, karaoke, shopping arcade, business centre, clinic, beauty salon, sauna, massage

Guangzhou, Guangdong

China Hotel

中國大酒店



Liuhua Road, Guangzhou, Guangdong 510015
Tel: 86-20-6666888 Telex: 44888 CHLGEZ CN
Fax: 86-20-6677014
Opened June 1984
1,017 rooms and suites
Located in city centre, 6 km from airport, 500 metres from railway station
Facilities: Chinese and Western restaurants, business centre, ballroom, function rooms, tennis courts, swimming pool, shopping arcade, bowling centre, billiard room, health club, beauty salon, clinic

Dong Fang Hotel

東方賓館



120 Liuhua Road, Guangzhou, Guangdong 510016
Tel: (86-20) 6669900 Telex: 44439 GZDFH CN
Fax: 6662775

GM: Chen Ru Feng

Opened 1961

1,300 rooms and suites

Located 6 km from airport, 2 km from railway station

Facilities: Chinese, Japanese, French and American restaurants, business centre, convention centre, recreation centre, amusement park, tennis courts, sauna, swimming pool, bowling, clinic

Garden Hotel

花園酒店



368 Huanshi Road East, Guangzhou, Guangdong 510064

Tel: (86-20) 3338989 Telex: 44788 GDHTL CN

Fax: (86-20) 3350467, 3350706

GM: Lawrence Boey

Opened 28 August 1985

1,112 rooms and 44 suites

Located 9 km from airport, 4.5 km from railway station

Facilities: Restaurants, business centre, shopping arcade, gym, swimming pool, tennis courts, beauty salon, disco, billiard room, clinic, babysitting service

Guangdong International Hotel

廣英國際大酒店

339 Huanshi East Road, Guangzhou, Guangdong 510060

Tel: 3311888 Telex: 44556 GPHGZ CN

Fax: 0086-020-3311666, 3311555

GM: Yu Xiu Wei

Opened 8 July 1992

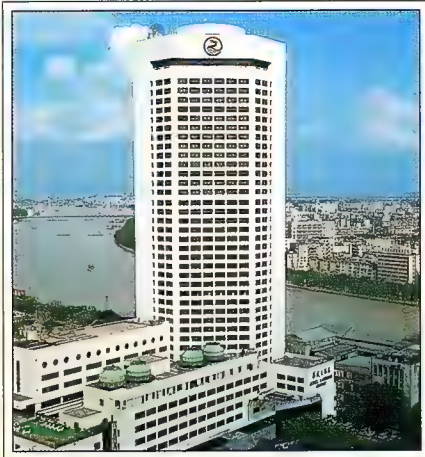
420 rooms and 282 suites

Located 20 min from airport, 10 min from railway station

Facilities: Chinese, Western and Japanese restaurants, banquet hall, conference hall, business centre, ballroom, karaoke, disco, shopping arcade, swimming pool, health club, fitness centre, tennis courts, bowling centre, clinic, beauty salon, facilities for the handicapped, babysitting service

Hotel Landmark Canton

華慶大酒店



8 Qiaoguang Road, Haizhu Square, Guangzhou, Guangdong 510115

Tel: (86-20) 3355988 Telex: 441288 HLC CN

Fax: (86-20) 3336197

GM: David Ng

Opened 26 February 1991

730 rooms and 51 suites

Located 10 km from airport, 5 km from railway station

Facilities: Chinese and Western restaurants, food street, banquet hall, business centre, karaoke, bar, beauty salon, indoor swimming pool, gym, clinic

White Swan Hotel

白天鵝賓館



1 Southern Street, Shamian Island, Guangzhou, Guangdong 510133

Tel: 8886968 Telex: 44688 WSJ CM

Fax: (020) 861188

GM: Yang Xiao Peng

Opened 6 February 1983

744 rooms and 81 suites

Located 20 km from airport, 10 km from railway station

Facilities: Chinese, Western and Japanese restaurants, conference rooms, bar, coffee shop, nightclub, karaoke, swimming pools, health centre, tennis and squash courts, golf course, sauna, steam bath, jacuzzi and massage room, beauty salon

Haikou, Hainan

Haikou Hotel

海口賓館



4 Haifu Avenue, Sanjiaochi, Haikou, Hainan 570003

Tel: (0898) 6772221 Fax: (0898) 6772232

GM: Wu Yuming

200 rooms and suites

Located 1.5 km from airport

Facilities: Chinese and Western restaurants, conference rooms, dance hall, disco, karaoke, shopping arcade, business centre, clinic, beauty salon

Haikou Tower Hotel

泰華酒店



30 Binhai Avenue, Haikou, Hainan 570005

Tel: (0899) 6773962 Fax: (0899) 6773966

GM: Darwin Yan

263 rooms and suites

Located 7 km from airport

Facilities: Chinese and Western restaurants, coffee shop, bar, conference room, dance hall, karaoke, shopping arcade, clinic, billiards, massage, tennis courts

Overseas Chinese Hotel

華僑賓館



15 Huayuan Xincun, Binhai Avenue, Haikou, Hainan 570005

Tel: (0898) 6772776 Fax: (0898) 6773199

GM: Sun Lexing

225 rooms and suites

Located 5 km from airport

Facilities: Chinese and Western restaurants, coffee shop, bar, conference rooms, dance hall, disco, shopping arcade, business centre, clinic, beauty salon, sauna, billiards

Wuzhishan Mansion

五指山大廈



6 Jichang Road, Haikou, Hainan 570003

Tel: (0898) 6772012

GM: Lu Shiguang

140 rooms and suites

Located 2 km from airport

Facilities: Chinese and Western restaurants, coffee shop, conference rooms, shopping arcade, clinic, beauty salon

Sanya, Hainan

Jinling Holiday Resort

金嶺度假村

Luling Road, Sanya, Hainan 572021

Tel: (0899) 214081 Fax: (0899) 214088

GM: Huang Xiuguang

148 rooms and suites

Located 15 km from airport

Facilities: Chinese and Western restaurants, coffee shop, bar, conference rooms, dance hall, disco, karaoke, shopping arcade, business centre, florist, clinic, beauty salon, billiards, massage, swimming pool, baby sitting, facilities for the handicapped

Sanya Holiday Resort

三亞度假村

Haipo Tourism Development Zone, Sanya, Hainan 572000

Tel: (0899) 278002 Fax: (0899) 275177

GM: Li Xianbang

275 rooms and suites

Located 2 km from airport

Facilities: Chinese and Western restaurants, coffee shop, bar, conference rooms, dance hall, disco, karaoke, shopping arcade, business centre, clinic, beauty salon, sauna, massage, baby sitting, steam bath, facilities for the handicapped

Sanya International Hotel

三亞國際大酒店



Gangmen Road, Sanya, Hainan 572000

Tel: (0899) 273068 Fax: (0899) 275064

GM: Xi Huiqing

209 rooms and suites

Located 20 km from airport

Facilities: Chinese and Western restaurants, coffee shop, bar, conference rooms, exhibition hall, disco, shopping arcade, business centre, florist, clinic, beauty salon, sauna, billiards, massage, swimming pool, golf course, steam bath, gym, squash, tennis courts

South China Hotel

南中國大酒店

Dadonghai, Sanya, Hainan 572021

Tel: (0899) 213888 Fax: (0899) 214005

GM: Guan Lidong

194 rooms and suites

Located 15 km from airport

Facilities: Chinese and Western restaurants, coffee shop, bar, conference rooms, dance hall, disco, karaoke, shopping arcade, business centre, florist, clinic, beauty salon, sauna, billiards, gym, massage, swimming pool, golf course, tennis court, baby sitting, steam bath, facilities for the handicapped

Tongza, Hainan

Tongza Holiday Resort

通什度假村



North suburb, Tongza, Hainan 572200

Tel: (08001) 622801 Fax: (08001) 622888

GM: Wang Junwu

161 rooms and suites

Located 88 km from airport

Facilities: Chinese and Western restaurants, coffee shop, bar, conference rooms, dance hall, disco, karaoke, shopping arcade, business centre, clinic, sauna, swimming pool, tennis court, steam bath, facilities for the handicapped

Wanning, Hainan

Kangle Garden Resort

康樂園大酒店



Kangle Garden, Xinglong, Wanning, Hainan 571533

Tel: (08097) 23742 Fax: (08097) 22020

GM: Jia Xiaojiang

176 rooms and suites

Located 206 km from airport

Facilities: Chinese and Western restaurants, coffee shop, bar, conference rooms, dance hall, disco, karaoke, shopping arcade, business centre, florist, clinic, beauty salon, sauna, billiards, gym, massage, swimming pool, tennis court, baby sitting, steam bath, facilities for the handicapped

Shanghai

Donghu Hotel

東湖賓館

70 Donghu Road, Shanghai 200031

Tel: 4370050 4331020

Fax: 4331275 4377141

GM: Zhu Gang

300 rooms and suites

Located 13 km from airport, 6.5 km from railway station

Facilities: Chinese and Western restaurant, business centre, shopping arcade, beauty salon, dance hall, tennis courts, swimming pool, billiard room, gym

Garden Hotel

花園飯店



58 Maoming Road South, Shanghai 200020

Tel: 4151111 Telex: 30157 GHSG CN

Fax: 4158866

GM: Risaburo Ayabe

Opened October 1989

500 rooms and suites

Located in the city centre, 14 km from airport, 4 km from railway station

Facilities: Chinese, Japanese and Western restaurants, business centre, function rooms, health club, beauty salon

Hotel Nikko Longbai Shanghai

日航龍柏飯店

2451 Hongqiao Road, Shanghai 200335

Tel: 255911 Telex: 30138 NHISH CN

Fax: 2559333

GM: Masao Nishikawa

Opened November 1987

329 rooms and 61 suites

Located 10 km from airport and 1 km from railway station

Facilities: Chinese, Japanese and Western restaurants, coffee shop, business centre, shopping arcade, gym, beauty salon, karaoke

Jiangsu Hotel

江蘇飯店

888 Wuning Road, Shanghai 200063

Tel: 2161888 Telex: 33955 SHJSH CN

Fax: 2162223

GM: Li Rui Sheng

233 rooms and suites

Located 14 km from airport, 4 km from railway station

Facilities: Chinese and Western restaurants, business centre, shopping arcade, gym, sauna, karaoke, beauty salon, clinic

Jin Jiang Hotel

錦江飯店



59 Mao Ming Road South, Shanghai 200020

Tel: 2582582 Telex: 33380 GRJH CN

Fax: 4725588

GM: Jia Zhi Yong

Opened June 1951

515 rooms and suites

Located in the business and shopping district, 14 km from airport, 4 km from railway station

Facilities: Chinese restaurants, bar, business centre, shopping arcade, beauty salon, gym, tennis court, ballroom, sauna

Jin Jiang Tower

新錦江大酒店

161 Changle Road, Shanghai 200020

Tel: 4151188 Telex: 33652 FOJH CN

Fax: 4150045
GM: Dong Jian Zhen
Opened 8 October 1990
640 rooms and suites

Located near the Shanghai Exhibition Centre, 13 km/20 min from airport, 5 km/10 min from railway station
Facilities: Chinese and Western restaurants, banquet halls, multi-function halls, bars, business centre, business club, recreation centre, shopping arcade, dance hall, karaoke

Longmen Hotel

龍門賓館

777 Hengfeng Road, Shanghai
Tel: 3170000 Telex: 33693 SLMHIB CN
Fax: 3172004

GM: Wu Yong Liang
Opened 23 December 1990
365 rooms and suites
Located in downtown Shanghai, 16 km from airport
Facilities: Chinese and Western restaurants, bar, business centre, multi-function hall, shopping arcade, ballroom, gym, billiard room, karaoke, sauna and massage

Peace Hotel

和平飯店

20 Nanjing Road East, Shanghai 20002
Tel: 3211244 Telex: 33914 BTHPH CN
Fax: 3290300

GM: Wang Ji Ming
Opened 1929
420 rooms and suites
Located on the Bund, 18 km from airport, 5 km from railway station
Facilities: Chinese and Western restaurants, bars, business centre, shopping arcade, beauty salon, gym, sauna, billiard room

Qianhe Hotel

千鶴賓館

650 Yishan Road, Shanghai 200233
Tel: 4700000 Telex: 33181, 33945
Fax: 4700348
GM: Huang Min
470 rooms and suites

Located 9 km from airport, 10 km from railway station
Facilities: Chinese and Western restaurants, bars, business centre, shopping arcade, beauty salon, dance hall, sauna and massage, gym, billiard room, disco, karaoke

Shanghai International Airport Hotel

上海國際機場賓館

2550 Hongqiao Road, Shanghai 200335
Tel: 2558866 Telex: 30033 SIAH CN
Fax: 2558393
GM: Kengo Aso
Opened 19 June 1988
308 rooms

Located near the airport, 15 km from railway station
Facilities: Chinese and Western restaurants, bar, business centre, multi-function hall, meeting room, beauty salon, massage

Shanghai International Equatorial Hotel

上海國際貴都大飯店

65 Yan'an Road West, Shanghai 200040
Tel: 2481688 Telex: 33188 EQUAT CN
Fax: 2481773
GM: Claude Ricca
526 rooms and suites

Located 12 km from airport, 4 km from railway station
Facilities: Chinese, Japanese and Western restaurants, banquet hall, cafe, business centre, disco, karaoke, beauty salon, clinic, gym,

swimming pool, spa, sauna, massage, tennis courts, squash, bowling alley, billiard room

Shanghai JC Mandarin

上海錦滄文華大酒店



1225 Nanjing Road West, Shanghai 200040
Tel: 2791888 Telex: 33939 SJCMH CN
Fax: 2791822

GM: Michael Ow
Opened 20 July 1990
600 rooms

Located in the heart of the city, 16 km/30 min from airport, 5 km/10 min from railway station and the Bund
Facilities: Chinese and Western restaurants, bars, business centre, ballroom, fitness centre, karaoke, beauty salon

Sheraton Hua Ting Hotel Shanghai

喜來登華亭賓館



1200 Caoxi Road North, Shanghai 200030
Tel: 4391000 4396000 Telex: 33589 SHHTH CN
Fax: 2550830 2550719
GM: Giorgio Burigana
Opened 1986

1008 rooms and suites
Located 10 km from airport and railway station
Facilities: Italian and Chinese restaurants, business centre, meeting rooms, bars, disco, recreation centre, beauty salon, shopping arcade

Silk Road Hotel

絲綢之路大飯店



777 Quyang Road, Shanghai 200437
Tel: 5449988
Fax: 5448528

GM: Song Bao Geng
246 rooms
Located 25 km from airport, 8 km from railway station
Facilities: Chinese, Western and Islamic restaurants, business centre, shopping arcade, gym, billiard room, sauna, disco, karaoke

Tai Ping Yang Westin Hotel

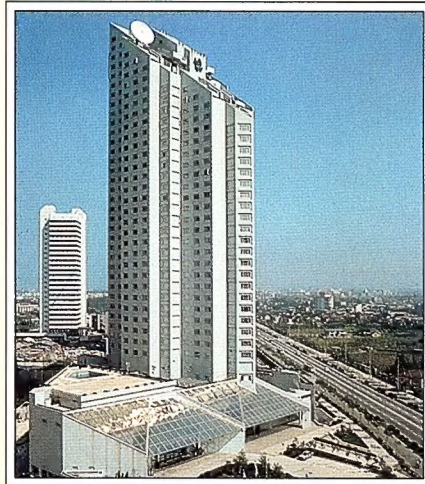
上海太平洋大飯店

5 Zunyi Road South, Shanghai 200335
Tel: 2758888 Telex: 33345 PASHC CN
Fax: 2755420

MD: Andre G. Rolli
Opened 3 September 1990
578 rooms and suites
Located in the Hongqiao Development Zone, less than 7 km from downtown, 6.8 km from airport, 8 km from railway station
Facilities: Chinese, Japanese and Western restaurants, business centre, shopping arcade, ballroom, function rooms, health club

Yangtze New World Hotel

上海揚子江大酒店



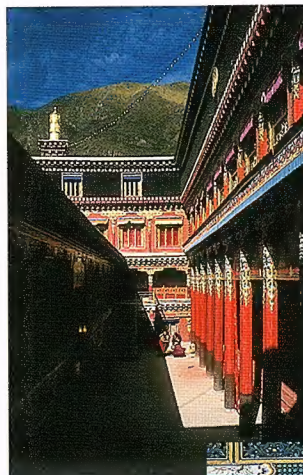
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Tel: 2750000 Telex: 33675 YNWHR CN
Fax: 2750750
GM: Poul E. Bitsch
Opened 18 March 1991
570 rooms and suites
Located 6.8 km from airport, 8 km from railway station, 12 km from the Bund
Facilities: Chinese, Western and Southeast Asian restaurants, bars, business centre, shopping arcade, gym, disco, karaoke, sauna

The Dêgê Scripture Printing House

Next month we feature "lakes and rivers"... starting with the Xin'an River in Anhui Province. The river feeds the Fuchun River running through Hangzhou City in Zhejiang, eventually ending its course in the Qiantang River. At the upper reaches of the Xin'an River in north-west Zhejiang a man-made lake was created when a hydroelectric dam was built and the surrounding areas were flooded, including the ancient county seats of Chun'an and Sui'an. Known as Qiandao (Thousand-Islet) Lake, the maze of 1,078 islets were interestingly once mountaintops.

From ancient county seats to ancient scriptures and the treasure trove of the Dêgê Scripture Printing House in Sichuan Province. Founded in 1732 a library of over 217,000 woodblocks are stored in a building more in keeping with a shrine and where devoted custodians chisel out woodblock carvings and make prints from the plates containing translations of Buddhist classics and tomes on philosophy, astronomy and medicine. Lastly, our reporter meets the TV host of "Yan Can Cook" as he gets ready to start a new series in China using the backdrop of such illustrious venues as the Imperial Palace and Beihai Park.

A Tour of Lakes and Rivers



"Yan Can Cook"
in Beijing



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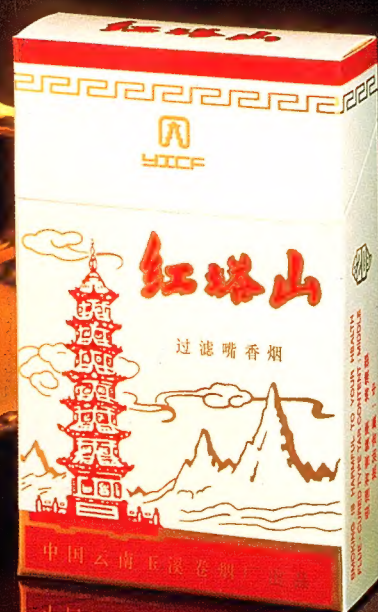
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